

THIS TIME WE'LL WIN

My Soccerroo team mates and I were petrified when we flew into Mexico City to play against Mexico's national team in 1970.

We had heard all the stories about how difficult it was to play in that high altitude — stories that had been magnified since the 1968 Olympics and the 1970 World Cup there.

We had seen photos of Ron Clarke collapsing. Naturally everyone in the team was concerned, especially since we had just completed an exhausting tour of 14 games in seven countries.

But we went to a Mexican club game on the Sunday before our match and we almost fell

asleep watching their slow, possession football. No one challenged for the ball until it was played into the penalty area.

After watching that, we thought our match would be a picnic. Not so.

Although the altitude did not affect our endurance after all we were no match for the skillful Mexicans. Manfred Schaefer was unable to play because he was ill and Billy Vojtek was out over an argument with coach Rale Rasic.

And the rest of us were nowhere near our best after the hard tour.

So the Mexicans had the ball for the whole game and won 3-0.

To make matters worse, Ray Richards was sent off in the second half.

**By JOHNNY
WARREN, former
Socceroo captain**



The team that day was: Jack Reilly — John Roche, Peter Wilson, Sandy Irvine, Col Curran (replaced by Dennis Yaeger) — Ray Richards, Johnny Warren, Jimmy Mackay — George Blues, Adrian Alston, Mike Denton.

But Mexico was much stronger than than it is now.

It will be different when the Mexicans play Australia on Sunday in Sydney and next Tuesday in Melbourne.

We will be able to go at them in those games, whereas we were constantly under pressure against England, Czechoslovakia and Northern Ireland. This is the type of match we need to prepare for the World Cup qualifying games in which we will have to attack.

Physically, our guys will be too strong and too fast for the Mexicans, although the visitors do hold the ball very well.

I'm sure we'll win.



Mexico goalkeeper Reyes is beaten by this shot from Heinz Flohe, which put Germany ahead 4-0 in the 1978 World Cup.

Gary Cole or Krncevic?

If Australia wins its two-match series against Mexico in Sydney on Sunday and Melbourne on Tuesday, it will be relatively certain to reach the World Cup finals in Spain.

If the Socceroos lose, as they did against Czechoslovakia, England and Northern Ireland, there will be cause for concern.

Mexico is the first of the Socceroos' opponents that is comparable in standard with Iraq, Kuwait, Iran and

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South Korea — our most formidable World Cup opponents.

Those Asian countries will of course play with greater determination in the World Cup games than Mexico will on this off-season tour, but the two matches nevertheless should tell Rudi Gutendorf what he wants to know.

The major questions he will want answered are:

- Does Australia have an adequate midfield combination?
- Who is our best goalkeeper?
- Who is our best spearhead?
- Should we play with wingers or with two central strikers?
- What is the best central defensive combination, and, as an extension of that — what does he do with John Yzen-doren?

Captain Jimmy Rooney has been left out due to injury, but the midfield Gutendorf plans to use in the first match at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday, should prove a resounding success.

Murray Barnes is to be the defensive midfielder or, in case Mexico uses twin strikers, the second stopper. Ken Boden is the attacking midfielder and Tony Henderson will play between them.

If he makes midfield changes at Olympic Park on Tuesday he will choose from among John Coyne, John Yzen-doren, John Nyskohus, Theo Selkemiadis, Joe Senkalski and George Christopoulos.

His centre-back pair in Sydney will be Ivo Prskalo and Jim Muir, neither of whom moved forward. Gutendorf has been saying from the start that he wants at least one centre back who will attack and that he is grooming Christopoulos to fill such a role. There's not much time left, and if he is to try Christopoulos as a libero, he might as well do it in Melbourne.

Henderson, Arno Bertogna and Yzen-doren are the other players who can be used as central defenders.

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VICTORIAN PRESS AWARDS

A gala awards night for Victorian Phillips League and State League players will be held at the Vineyards Restaurant in Acland Street, St Kilda, on 24 September.

The winner of the Bill Fleming Medal will be named at the dinner.

The night is being organised by the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association which also initiated the Phillips League best player awards in 1977.

ASF president Sir Arthur George, accompanied probably by national coach Rudi Gutendorf and ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre will attend the Victorian awards.

The Fleming Medal, awarded according to the votes of a panel of soccer writers, is for the best player of the Victorian State League.

A Victorian PSL Player of the Year also will be named.

Winners of the other awards will be chosen from among the 12 State League and Victoria's three PSL clubs.

The awards are: Bill Fleming Medal, Victorian PSL Player of the Year, Best Victorians under 21 player, Victorian Coach of the Year, Victorian Referee of the Year, and Victorian all-star team of the year.

Six people from each of the 15 clubs will be asked to attend. Cost is \$12.50 a head for meal and drinks.

Final yes, Cruyff no

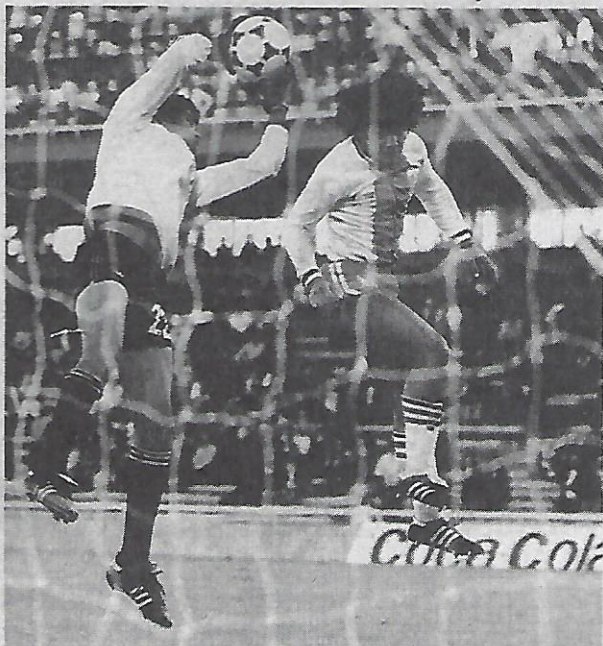
Johan Cruyff and his Washington Diplomats may have played at Canberra's Bruce Stadium on 26 October had the final of the PSL top four championships not been scheduled there for the same date.

A consortium of Canberra businessmen wanted to bring Cruyff and the Diplomats to Canberra at a cost of about \$60,000.

The Diplomats were to include also Dutch international stars Wim Jansen and Robbie Rensenbrink.

According to one of the businessmen, no other suitable date than 26 October is available for a match by the Diplomats in Canberra.

The Diplomats are available to play in Melbourne mid-week but the outlay of about \$60,000 probably would be too high to recoup in a mid-week game.



Tunisian goalkeeper Naili takes the ball off the head of Mexico's centre-forward, Hugo Sanchez during the 1978 World Cup finals.

After Australia, the U.S.

• Mexico's international striker Hugo Sanchez Marquez finished second highest scorer in the Mexican first division, won by club America with a record 57 points.

Hugo Sanchez, who plays for Universidad Autonoma de Mexico, scored 29

league goals, one less than top scorer Evandildo Castro "Cabinho", the Brazilian of Atlante, who scored 30.

Hugo Sanchez is due to move to North American Soccer League club San Diego where he will join his Mexican international team mate Leonardo Cuellar.



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TV will wreck the Mexico gate

The attendance for the Australia v. Mexico game at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday has been sabotaged.

Thousands of fans will stay away and the ASF will have a big loss in revenue.

The saboteurs — Rugby League or Australian Rules fans?

Not on your life, mate — the new promotions and marketing set-up in the ASF itself.

By some inconceivable stroke of genius a decision has been made to allow a delayed telecast of Sunday's game to be shown in Sydney on Sunday night.

In my opinion this is the same as committing suicide. It is self-destruction gone wild.

It was proved beyond any doubt in the Centenary game with England that it was a mistake to put on a delayed telecast in Sydney on the same evening.

All over the world it has been proved that to show a delayed telecast of any sporting event — unless it is sold out beforehand, in the City it is office sense.

But I suppose this is just too much to expect as this stage from our new marketing division, headed by Mr. Rik Booth. I mean to say, he's only been



TOM ANDERSON

connected with soccer for a few months and still has to learn the ropes.

If the situation weren't so serious, it would be laughable. But the crying shame is that the credibility of soccer is on the line and if we can't draw crowds to big international clashes, then nobody will take us seriously.

Unfortunately Mr. Booth does not seem to realise this. He stated to me last week in

an interview that soccer has to get on TV by hook or by crook.

It seems that despite the consequences, this is about to happen.

It is my opinion that in this instance the delayed telecast of the game on the same night in Sydney is complete folly.

Getting soccer on TV over a long period is one thing, but selling the credibility of the game down the river for a one-

hit match is completely different. Maybe I'll be wrong and believe me, I hope I am, but for the life of me, I can't see a big crowd at the SCG on Sunday.

Too many of the fans will stay at home and watch the highlights on TV later in the evening.

The lead-up to the Mexico v. Soccerroo game has been a

near disaster for the media and press trying to promote the game.

The big trouble has been the lack of contact and information coming from inside the ASF.

Co-ordination it seems has gone completely haywire since this new marketing the promotional section has been introduced.

It's time job allocation and the duties were defined within the structure, before things get out of hand and beyond repair.

In the 1974 and 1978 World Cup campaigns when the consortium backed the ASF and general secretary Brian Le Fevre handled everything,

there was no trouble and everything moved smoothly.

The same cannot be said at the moment.

And the man who is going to find himself the meat in the sandwich is national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

Who does Gutendorf answer to regarding publicity and promotion of his soccerroo — general secretary Brian Le Fevre or marketing and promotions man Rik Booth?

Both set-ups are apart (geographically with the ASF offices in the city and the marketing setup in North Sydney) and obviously communications between the two not the best.

At one time Rudi just does not know what is going on and the situation is chaotic.

Let's have 5 State League divisions

A candidate for the chairmanship of the Victorian Metropolitan League wants the league abolished.

He is John Hodgson, at present vice-chairman of the Metro League, chairman of the District League, a board member of the VSF and an official with Frankston Pines.

Hodgson says there is little sense in the State League and Metropolitan League having their own management committee. He advocates five State League divisions — incorporating the present State League and the four Metro

divisions — all run by one management committee.

The State League first division (the present State League) would retain greater voting power than the lower leagues.

At the moment, the State League and the Metropolitan League management com-

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mittees look only after themselves, with little regard for what may be good for all," Hodgson said.

Sponsorship would be easier to get for a five-division State League involving 60 clubs rather than for a 12-club State League.

Obviously a reorganisation would be involved.

"The most powerful of the Provisional League clubs would be included in one of the State League divisions to replace some of the present Metro teams which have

shown over the years that they can't make it.

"The State Leagues would represent professional soccer to a greater or lesser degree and everything below would be purely amateur."

Hodgson said he had put the idea to some Metro and State League officials who support him.

Indeed, there is a lot of merit in the plan.

Hodgson will bring it up at the annual general meeting of the VSF.



RALE RASIC

Can we handle the world youth titles?

We were told originally that Mexico would play against Australia in Melbourne on 21 August and Sydney on 24 August. Indeed, those dates were published in the Press and the fans planned accordingly.

Last week we were told the dates now are 24 August in Sydney and 26 August in Melbourne.

And so the merry-go-round continues.

The Philips Cup semi-finals were set for 31 August and after the date was published, it was changed to 10 September.

League matches are postponed or changed willy-nilly until the players themselves no longer know where or whether they are playing at the weekend.

People tell me to shut up and stop criticising.

But I believe we have to hit the administrators as hard as possible, pointing out their mistakes until they wake up to themselves and start doing the right thing.

For we are facing the greatest Australian-based sporting event since the 1956 Olympic Games.

I refer of course to the 1981 Coca-Cola world youth championships.

Now is the time the administrators must get their act together. If they can't inspire confidence about the running of the Philips League, then there must be grave doubts among soccer people about how the world titles will be run.

We will have in Australia the elite of the world's youth players. They will not accept sub-standard dressing rooms, second-class hotels and sloppy schedules.

Let's hope that the world titles do not turn out to be Australian sport's greatest embarrassment.

While sitting at the game between Marconi and Adelaide City at Marconi Stadium, my white shirt became black with spit from some animal behind me.

Is this type of behavior to become part of everyday life? Unfortunately, it is gripping sport more and more — not just soccer.

Isn't a coach a human being just like any other? Does he really have to sit within the confines of some enclosure to escape the barbaric behaviour of the unbecomingly?

I was in the company of three ladies at Marconi but that didn't stop the animals in the crowd behind us from spitting and using vile language.

The previous Wednesday at the same ground, I watched Marconi and Sydney in one of the finest soccer spectacles I have witnessed this year.

But while brilliance was displayed on the field, we had to put up with further primitivism on the sidelines.

One Neanderthal moron referred to "Jews" for the full 90 minutes and in one of the vilest outbursts in memory, he yelled: "Hitler was right."

I felt sorry that the people around this idiot did not do something to make him sit down and shut his trap. It is appalling that this sort of thing still goes on and that there are people around with such mentality.

Such people should not be allowed inside a stadium. If they do get in and open their mouths they should be ousted immediately.

The Dural headquarters of Australian Soccer Camps is well and truly on the way to becoming the best complex of its kind in the country.

The children who will attend the camps during the school holiday will discover the luxury of motel-type accommodation, a heated pool, squash courts, restaurant, gym etc.

It is aimed to make Dural a 52-week operation where children can participate not only in soccer but also in correlated sports.

The next camps will be from 25 to 29 August and from 1 to 5 September.

Coaching staff includes Raul Blanco (St. George), Attila Abonyi (Melita Eagles), Allan Maher (Marconi) and me.

While mentioning Abonyi, allow me to pay tribute to the man, who is one of our finest up-and-coming coaches.

He was a great ambassador for his country while in the national team and he has carried that professional attitude over into his coaching career, which started with Sydney Croatia and which now finds him with Melita on top of the NSW State League ladder.

I'm certain he will be great as a coach as he was a player.

All-stars' 5-1 marks centenary

by JOHNNY WARREN

Those of us who played thoroughly enjoyed the Centenary match at King's College last Thursday 14 August.

Australian soccer had started with the first recorded match between the College team and a

side called the Wanderers 100 years ago to that date.

With the ASF doing nothing on that day to mark the historic occasion, Ray Richards and I organised for a team of past and present players to meet the King's School.

Our side which won 5-1 included Attila Abonyi, Ron Corry, Jim Fraser, Greg Woodhouse, Edie Krncevic, Peter Raskopoulos, Greg Ankudinoff, Bertis Mariani and Manfred Schaefer.

The King's School struck medals for all the players to commemorate the event and ABC TV covered it.

Birch new coach



West Adelaide evidently was unhappy with its "player power" experiment.

In its one and only game after a panel of players replaced coach Gerry Chaldi, West Adelaide lost 0-4 to APLA at home.

So now West Adelaide has appointed a new coach, Billy Birch (left), who has coached West before.

Birch has spent the 1980 season with State League club Croatia.

A former Crystal Palace player in England, he came to Australia in 1967.



Manfred Schaefer (right) beaten for pace



Attila Abonyi shows his skill, flanked by Ray Richards (left) and Johnny Warren.

Seven from Cup '78

Indeed, Gutendorf indicated he may try out Zvendorn as libero.

Zvendorn so far has played right back and midfield for the Soccerroo, whereas he plays sweeper for Victoria and Heidelberg.

I'd like to see Arno Bertogna given a chance as stopper. He was the find of the China tour late last year. He's fast, excellent in the air and extremely mobile.

The omission of West Adelaide goalkeeper Martyn Crook is a mystery. Although Crook has been playing very well, he has been replaced in the squad by Peter Marshall of Adelaide City. Yanka Banovic is out because of his plans to go to England to try out with Derby County.

Crook performed extremely well against Northern Ireland in Adelaide, but Greg Woodhouse remains No. 1. Woodhouse will play in Sydney. Marshall may get a run in Melbourne.

Eddie Krncevic, scorer of 15 goals for Australia, including six in full internationals, will be spearhead in Sydney and Gary Cole (7 goals) will get his chance in Melbourne.

In Sydney, Gutendorf will play winners Peter Sharne and Phil O'Connor either side of Krncevic.

But Mark Jankovics also has

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Gutendorf may well switch to a twin-striker set-up, with only one man wide.

Australia never has been so well-endowed with forwards. This, if nothing else, makes our World Cup prospects look bright.

Mexico comes without two of its 1978 World Cup stars, Victor Rangel and Leonardo Cuellar.

But seven members of the team that went to Argentina are the touring party. Flores, Tena, Ayala, de la Torre, Rojas, Mendizabal and Hugo Sanchez.

Reyes was voted best goalkeeper in North America last year and best keeper in Mexico from 1977 to 1980.

Captain Mendizabal was likened to Franz Beckenbauer on Mexico's 1978 European tour. Tena was Mexico's tender of the year in 1978 and 1979 and Hugo Sanchez was second highest scorer in the Mexico league last season.

Then there's right winger Cristobal, whose \$400,000 transfer to Club America makes him the most expensive Mexican. He has scored more than 20 goals for each of the past three seasons.

Mexico did not manage a point, losing even to Tunisia in

it has done much better since then.

The Mexicans beat the USSR 1-0 in January, 1978 and Spain 3-1 in March that year.

More recently, it beat English club Southampton 1-0 last June.

Australia and Mexico have played against each other once before, with Mexico winning 3-0 in Mexico City late in 1970.

Mexico will entertain the fans in Sydney and Melbourne with their delightful skills, their intricate inter-passing. Australia will counter with the speed of its forwards, with the boundless energy of Krncevic, Jim Tansey, Mirray Barnes and Steve Perry and the strength and great height of Muir, Henderson, Barnes, Cole, Krncevic, Tansey and Jankovics.

The two games probably are the last for the Soccerroo before they leave on their world tour in November.

The tour will round off their preparation before they start their World Cup bid.

If they fail for Spain, soccer in Australia should take a dramatic upswing in crowd figures, junior participation and media coverage, but most of all in financial support.

If they fail the way the 1977 Soccerroo failed, the ASF's marketing plans will be of no consequence. There will be

● Retired Junior Leagues chairman Gordon Culbard (right), pays tribute to Alex McArthur at the "This is Your Life" presentation given to McArthur by his club, Albion Rovers.



Alex McArthur, secretary of Victorian club Albion Rovers since 1963, arrived at the club-rooms as usual.

But things were not as they usually are.

For a start, more than 100 people were there!

They'd all answered secret invitations to come and pay tribute to McArthur in a "This is Your Life" ceremony.

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We're stumbling into a brave new world

Last Thursday, 14 August 1980, was the centenary of Australian soccer.

On that day 100 years ago in Sydney The King's School played against a team called The Wanderers in front of 1000 spectators on the Parramatta Common in the first recorded soccer match in Australia.

But there is no ballyhoo, no souvenirs, no soccer stars at shopping centres, no giant soccer ball blimps in the sky, no Pele, Beckenbauer, or Maradona doing the talk shows on radio and TV.

That's how it would be in the United States where soccer has been marketed as effectively as soap powder — and yet our soccer leaders keep saying they're taking their lead from the Yanks.

It's a shame the Australian Soccer Federation did not synchronise its imminent Major Marketing Announcements with the centenary date.

The announcements are taking almost as long as the centenary has to reach us. Their importance has been magnified by time until they now rival in importance the etching of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai.

If all the talk is true — and we probably will know finally at the end of the month — Australian soccer's advance may well justify those paranoid fears expressed lately by the Victorian Football League.

The key is television. Without television, soccer is unable to attract the kind of money it needs.

According to Rik Booth, chief executive of Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd., a major network has been signed up to show soccer from late this season.

The network will be named this month. It almost certainly is Nine, supplemented heavily by independent stations 4 of Wollongong, 7 of Canberra and 0 of Newcastle.

The TV deal involves a national one-hour programme including panel discussion, interviews and match highlights, a half-hour coaching show aimed at children, edited match replays and some direct telecasts.

Television will cover the Coca-Cola world youth championships and the World Cup qualifying games next year as well as local soccer.

Television has been tried before, of course, but when soccer was on the 0-10 network and on GTV9 in Melbourne, it was axed because of low ratings.

Better time-slots would help but more than anything, the ASF is relying on increased interest in soccer during the youth championships and the World Cup campaign.

With TV as the lure, the ASF hopes to attract at least one more sponsor to help carry the cost of the national team sponsors for



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individual clubs and co-sponsors for the Philips League whose costs are spiralling.

To this end, the league's name may be changed to the Australian National League.

The ASF already has \$550,000 from English marketing firm West Nally as the ASF share of a world-wide soccer sponsorship package sold by West Nally to major corporations.

Philips Industries' current commitment is \$210,000 and Coca-Cola provides \$85,000 domestically apart from the \$1 million and more it will spend on the world youth titles here next year.

A full-time marketing manager and a publicity manager soon will be appointed by the ASF. They are expected to help organise ASF product endorsements and, more important, to market leading players as national personalities.

Personality promotion started when the Socceroos qualified for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany. Johnny Warren, Manfred Schaefer, Branko Buljevic, Jack Reilly, Attila Abonyi, Peter Wilson — started to be recognised by the general public rather than just the devoted soccer fans.

Now, under the guidance of publicity-conscious coach Rudi Gutendorf, we have personalities with even greater potential — "Fast Eddie" Krncevic, Peter "Bullet" Sharne, evergreen Jimmy Rooney who is due to play his 100th national team game, tiny Tommy Cumming and Gary Cole, the blond bomber.

In Europe and South America soccer is big at the top because growth started among the children.

Here, junior participation has been encouraged by first gaining success at the top.

When the Socceroos reached the World Cup finals, there was a dramatic upsurge in the number of registered junior players.

Player participation, including juniors, is said by the ASF to be about 500,000.

If Gutendorf's Socceroos beat their Asian opponents to clinch one of two qualifying berths in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain, there probably will be another sudden increase.

But Australia needs a strong national club competition to complement the national team and provide junior players with an aim.

The Philips League has brought with it an undisputed increase in playing standards but also divisions within the game that have contributed to major difficulties.

The difficulties are reflected in heavy debts incurred by PSL clubs which pay to maintain their playing standards without reaping rewards at the turnstiles.

Total PSL attendance before last weekend, according to crowd figures published in the Press, is 542,166 for the 20 rounds so far — 77,400 less than last year. The corresponding figures for previous seasons were, 1979 — 619,566, 1978 — 618,068; 1977 — 583,891.

When the best clubs left their respective State Leagues to form the PSL in 1977, they also robbed the State Leagues of most of their earning power.

The smaller clubs didn't like it at all. The PSL is outside the normal framework of promotion and relegation — something else the States do not like.

Rather than being a natural flow-on from State competitions which represent the numerical strength of Australian soccer, the PSL has cut itself off and therefore is unable to draw spectators from the myriad small clubs that feel no affinity with the big league.

The ASF now is studying a logical solution — to play PSL in summer, after the other leagues have finished.

Competition for media coverage also would be less intense during the months in which Australian Rules and Rugby League are not played, the ASF argues.

Reorganisation within the State Federations also is taking place to make the competitions more attractive.

For the first time this year, two teams instead of one will be promoted from the Metropolitan League to the State League.

This will complete a two-up, two-down promotion-relegation system which runs through 10 divisions.

But some clubs bite off more than they can chew as they strive to capture some of the limelight at the top.

Mooroolbark went broke after one season in the PSL; Western Suburbs folded up after two years, and according to at least one prominent PSL official, others will start collapsing under heavy debts mid-way through next year.

In the Victorian State League, Albion Rovers were unable to continue paying their players last year and Frankston City now is in a critical financial position after bringing guest players Eamonn Bannon, Martin Peters and Martin Chivers from England.

One of the quaintest contradictions of a sport riddled with contradictions is that although the so-called 'ethnic' clubs draw adequate crowd support, the ethnic image is being suppressed by the federations.

The federations aim to give soccer an Australian image but instead of building a national competition around genuine district clubs, they are building that competition around Greek and Italian clubs that are ordered to change their names so they appear to be district clubs.

The reason is that district clubs draw crowds of 50 whereas Hellas, Marconi, Makedonia, Olympic and others command perhaps 5000.

It remains to be seen whether the "Australisation" process attracts the general public to matches or whether in the long run, it will cost the big clubs the support they are fighting so hard to keep.

It has been proved that the Socceroos can be marketed, because they represent soccer's big-time, just as Muhammad Ali is the biggest in boxing, Bjorn Borg the biggest in tennis and the Grand Final the biggest in VFL.

And the Socceroos' reputation will be boosted further on their world tour in December and the World Cup qualifying games next year.

Marketing of club soccer will be much more difficult, but after 100 years, at least we're working on it.

WARREN'S NEW BOOK A HIT

A great new book by Johnny Warren, the former national team captain, is about to hit the shops.

The book covers all aspects of Australian soccer and is angled heavily on personalities.

It has hundreds of photos, including color prints, and retails at only \$4.95.

There's a comprehensive Philips League club directory, a section on coaching, and a star gallery of pictures of your favorite players.

Warren names his all-time best Australian team, as well as his best international line-up.

He recalls his most memorable matches and also talks about big matches overseas.

There's a section on Australia's leading strikers and our top coaches, and about soccer's future in this country, and lots, lots more.

The book is published by Liahona Books and distributed by Carnation Books.

MELBOURNE BEATS SYDNEY FOR SOCCER

For me Rudi Gutendorf is the only really professional coach in this country.

Rudi is excellent because he has a professional understanding of players' needs.

He gave me my chance in the national team and he really trusts me and I trust him.

Rudi has brought 100% discipline into the national team and I believe we have an 80% or 90% chance of getting to Spain in 1982.

Our preparation is good and next year I think we will be better because I can see us training together more regularly, maybe two or three times a week.

I started playing as a young boy in Yugoslavia like most boys in Europe and I joined Velez Mostar as a junior.

After two years I was signed by Velez as a professional in 1965 and this was the start of an 11-year career for me as a full-time player. I played 385 games in the league and in cup competitions both in Yugoslavia and Europe.

I have played against Bayern Munich, PSV Eindhoven and teams from Italy and during my career I have played at left back, midfield and of course, in Australia, as sweeper.



Rudi Gutendorf (standing) supervises international stars Helmut John (left) and Werner Kraemers at MSV Duisburg. One of the clubs he coached in Germany.

Ivo Prskalo

Australian soccer is very different to soccer in Yugoslavia because, being a professional over there means that you train twice daily and three times a day pre-season.

Here you have to work before you train so you can't expect to train at your best.

I may work eight or nine hours in a day and then be expected to train hard.

And Les Scheinflug, Marconi's coach, trains you very hard.

Comparing young players here with those in Yugoslavia, it worries me to see that no youngsters are coming into Marconi's team whereas as in Yugoslavia two or three boys are produced and moulded into first team players by coaches who have had many years of professional experience as players and know what they are doing.

And there is no big money here. Velez paid my wages and got me a flat so I lived well as a player in Yugoslavia.

In 1976 I had signed with Karlsruhe in the West German Second Division but Rale Rasic rang me in Yugoslavia and convinced me to come to Australia.

So I came here and have been with Marconi ever since.

It is hard for a top team like Marconi to maintain its place. This year we have suffered from injuries and suspensions and after Australia's successful tour of China last year some of us needed a break from soccer.

But now we are very confident when we take the field.

There are some very good players here but Australian soccer is like English soccer — 100% physical.

I prefer playing with the ball rather than the man and I can't see our soccer changing much if we are forced into bringing English coaches here because of the language barrier.

But players like Peter Sharne and Eddie Krncevic could do well in Europe provided they had good coaching.

I am not impressed by the coaching here and it will be hard to attract top overseas coaches because we just don't have the money.

On the Ball The Player's Viewpoint

We suffer because the life of a player here is different from overseas and the semi-professional nature of Australian soccer means that players drink and socialise more than top players overseas.

I can't see our semi-professional nature changing because too many Australians dislike soccer and only those who have come from soccer countries are devoted to the game here.

Marconi, Sydney City, Heidelberg and Hellas are excellent teams and I think that Sydney City will win the 1980 PSL championship.

They have a much easier run home than the other top clubs because they don't have to play Marconi, Heidelberg or Hellas whereas we have to go to Melbourne to play Heidelberg and that will be a very hard game.

As for the soccer Press, I think that Melbourne is better off than Sydney, especially with "Soccer Action" and the fact that although people there may not be happy with the soccer coverage in the daily papers, in Sydney it is worse.

The only writer I talk to in Sydney is Tommy Anderson and it is ridiculous to get up at 11 am on Sunday to watch only two minutes of soccer on TV.

And Melbourne crowds are better also. I know from playing with the national team that it is better for us playing in Melbourne because we get more support there.

Overall I think Melbourne people are more in support of soccer than Sydney people.

I see the Philips League as of great benefit to Australian soccer but I think that there are too many Sydney clubs involved and I think the league would be improved if a club from Perth or Wollongong were included.

It would be better to get clubs from all round Australia playing in the league rather than having mainly Sydney or Melbourne clubs.

As for my future, well, I think that I have one or two seasons left in senior soccer.

Then I will go back to Yugoslavia and settle down, maybe watching some Yugoslav games from time to time. I've had 18 years of playing, getting injured, training and being suspended so I think that that is long enough for me.

I have no thoughts about coaching. Rather, I just want to go back to Yugoslavia and live quietly.

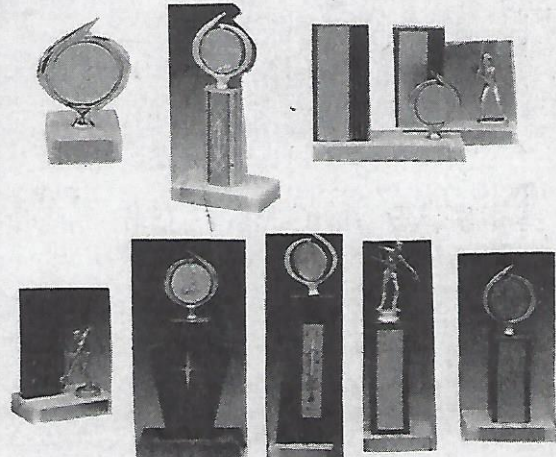
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MARCONI	7	3	1	28	10	5	1	4	16	14	44:24	28
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Footscray JUST	5	1	5	17	18	1	6	3	10	15	27:33	19
Brisbane City	4	3	3	15	8	0	6	5	10	20	25:28	17
APIA-Leichhardt	5	3	2	13	13	2	0	9	10	19	23:32	17
Blacktown City	6	1	3	23	14	1	1	9	7	36	30:49	16
West Adelaide	5	2	3	10	12	0	1	10	8	28	18:40	13
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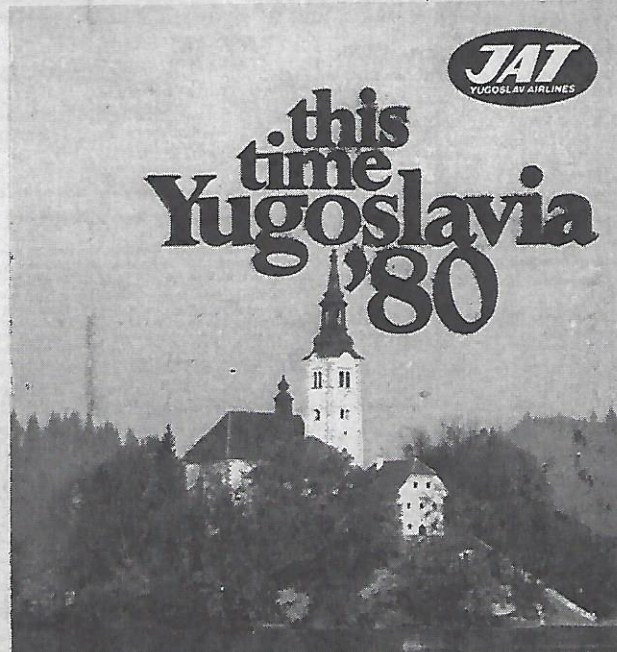
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 HEIDELBERG 2 at Western Oval.
Ratings by Laurie Schwall:

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 6 (sent off, 60th) — O'Reilly 6 — Kyriakoulas 6, Kondratios 7, Rujovic 5, Milne 5 — Picoana 6 (Petrov 62nd, replaced by Potter 70th), Belic 8, Iliakli 5 — Vasic 6, Lujic 4.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 8 — McMillan 9, Bannan 8, Zvendorn 7, Tansey 7 — Selemidja 6, Taylor 8, Campbell 6 (Rooney 82nd) — Cole 7, Paton 9, Boziskas 8.

BRISBANE LIONS 1 HEIDELBERG 2 at Lions Stadium.
Ratings by Bruce Waddell:
LIONS-Scanlan 6, Ontong 7, Hermiston 9, Bennett 8, Niven 8, Hogg 6, Lindsay 6, Ogden 6, (Wilson 63rd) Millman 7, Wright 9, Daunt 7, (McGregor 63rd).

HEIDELBERG — Oliver 8, McMillan 8, Bannan 9, Zvendorn 7, Tansey 8, Taylor 0, Campbell 9, Selemidja 7, Paton 9, Cole 7, Williams 6.

BRISBANE CITY 1 WEST ADELAIDE 1 at Perry Park.

Ratings by Bruce Waddell:
CITY — Wishart 8, Caldwell 7, Perry 7, Ratcliffe 8, Wilkinson 7, Pimblett 9, Potter 7, Hamilton 8, Palinkas 7, Kelso 6, Conner 8.

WEST ADELAIDE — Crook 9, Tymczyszyn 7, Forde 7, Topolanski 8, Pantaras 6, Honeyman 7, McGregor 5, Bozanic 7, Kosmina 5 (sent off 71st), Manecas 8, Norris 7.

ST. GEORGE 0 MARCONI 3 at Barton Park. Ratings by Tom Anderson.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 6, Russell 7, Skeen 8, Stone 8, McIntosh 7, Scharfegger 6, Campbell 7, Duarte 6, Hadley 6, Griffiths 6, Cotton 6.

MARCONI: Maher 8, Brogan 7, Henderson 8, Raskopoulos 6, (sub Vieri 72nd min), Krncevic 9, Mariani 6, Sharpe 8, Lindsay 8, Muir 8, Jankovics 8, Cant 7.

APIA 2 SYDNEY CITY 2 at Lambert Park. Ratings by Ted Smithies:

APIA: Woodhouse 8, Pullen 7, McGinn 7, Morello 7 (Drews 89) Wilson 8, Dempsey 6, Butler 9, McAusland 6, Pirie 7, Coyne 7, P. O'Connor 8.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Mullen 6, Spanos 7, (Thomson 89 th), S. O'Connor 6 (sent off) Bruce 7, Stevenson 7, Bouness 6 (Watson 62nd) Barnes 7, Boden 8, Smith 7, Silva 6 (sent off).

CANBERRA 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 at Bruce Stadium. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA CITY: Wilson 8, Mouli 8, Milovanovic 8, Stark 8, Williams 8; R. O'Shea 8, J. O'Shea 8, Byrne 8, Cole 8; MacLaren 7, Brennan 8, (Valeri 74th).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumota 9; V. Bannan 7, Xanthopoulos 8, Lutton 7, Kalitistidis 7; Campbell 8, Christopoulos 7, Wright 7 (Kakantonis 87th), Buljovic 7, Evans 7, Cummings 8.

BLACKTOWN 4 BRISBANE LIONS 1 at Toongabbie.

Ratings by Roger Dawick:
BLACKTOWN: James 8, Harris 8, Stowell 6, Turnbull 6, Selvaio 8, Pointer 7, Hormazabal 9, O'Donnell 8, Wilkinson 7, Izatt 6, Hunter 5.

BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan 6, Ontong 6, Lindsay 5, (McNaughton 55th) Bennett 6, Hermiston 6, Hogg 7, Wright 8, Millman 5, Wilson 5, Ogden 6, McGregor 6.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 NEWCASTLE 3 at Olympic Sports Field. Ratings by Mano Toutsidis:

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7 — B. Nyskohus 7, Jones 6, Perin 8, Russell 7 — Muniz 8, Marocchl 6 (Northcote 70th), Melka 7 — Mitchell 8, Barnes 7, J. Nyskohus 8.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8 — Reaney 7, Drinkwater 8, Bertogno 8, Curran 7 — Sneddon 7, Senkalski 9, Mason 7 — Burrows 8, (P. Tredinnick) Jones 8, Heys 8.

Leading ratings:

8.2 Hermiston (BL)

8.1 V. Bannan (SM).

8.0 Barnes (SC).

7.9 Perry (BC), Bennett (BL), Milovanovic (Can), Boland (Foota), J. Campbell, Rooney (H'berg), Reaney (Newc), Watson (SC), Crook (WA).

7.8 Ratcliffe (BC), Tansey (H'berg), Boden (SC).

7.7 P. O'Connor (APIA), Hogg (BL), Kondratios (Foota), McMillan, Cole (H'berg), Maher (Marc), Davidson, G. Campbell (SM).

7.6 Jones, Muniz (AC), P. Wilson (APIA), Ontong (BL), D. Cole (Can), Zvendorn, P. Bannan, Paton (H'berg), Xanthopoulos, Lutton (SM), Mullen, Stevenson (SC).

7.5 Dodds (AC), Wishart, Potter, (BC), Niven (BL), R. O'Shea (Can), Sharpe (Marc), Drinkwater (Newc), S. O'Connor (SC).

GOLDAIR

20. Cole (H'berg).
13. Jankovic (Marc).
11. J. Nyskohuz (AC), Paton (H'berg), Krncevic (Marc).
10. P. O'Connor (APIA), Buljevic (SM), Boden, Barnes (SC).
8. Kello (BC), Williams (BL), Duarte (St. Geo.), Stevenson (SC).
7. C. Barnes (AC), Wilkinson (Black), Giampaolo (Can), Vasic (Foot), Scharne (Marc.).
6. Valeri, T. Byrne (Can), G. Campbell (SM).
5. J. Campbell (H'berg).
4. Hunter, O'Donnell (Black), Bozinas (H'berg), G. Byrne (Marc), Jones, Heys (Newc), Evans (SM), Smith, Tranter (SC), Manecas, Kosmina (WA).
3. Mitchell, Fashanu (AC), Samuels, Harding (APIA), Rescifo (BC), McGregor (BL), J. O'Shea (Can), Piccione, Lujic, Orlerton (Foot), Rooney (H'berg), Vieri (Marc), Rogers, Christopoulos (SM), E. Campbell (St. Geo.), Honeyman (WA).

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Loading under 21 players:
7.9 Milovanovic (Can)
7.7 Hagg (BL), Davidson (SM).
7.4 Woodhouse (APIA).
7.3 Giampaolo (Can), Bertogno (Newc).
7.2 Mella (AC), Moulis (Can), Christopoulos (SM), Spanos (SC).
7.0 Hunter (Black), Solemidis (H'berg), Raskopoulos (Marc).
6.9 Krncevic (Marc).

Campbell, Kay have hard job

The international clashes between Australia and Mexico have severely curtailed the PSL program and the only game set down is between Newcastle and St. George on Saturday at the International Sports Centre.

St. George faces a stiff task to break through Newcastle's defensive barrier and Paul Reaney, Roy Drinkwater and Col Curran will be more than match for St. George strikers Ernie Campbell and Paul Kay both of whom did a Lone Ranger act against Brisbane Lions two weeks ago in Brisbane as the ultra-defensive St. George clung onto a point in its desperate battle to climb up the table.

Should St. George display a defensive attitude against Newcastle it could pay dearly as Joe Senkalski gets into dangerous attacking positions where his close ball skills can be put to best use. Newcastle striker David Jones was one of many culprits against J.U.S.T. two weeks ago when amateurish finishing robbed Newcastle of both points and Jones and his fellow strikers will have to convert a much higher percentage of their chances or else St. George's defensive plans will prove successful. Newcastle's players showed tremendous confidence against Adelaide City after the reappointment of Alan Vest during the week.

With such confidence KB can take St. George apart. For all there has been said about Raul Blanco and his advisor Frank Arok, the fact is that the once mighty St. George is still some time away from realising the potential of its well-organised youth policy as evidenced by this season's results and another nail in Blanco's coffin could be driven in by Newcastle's performance.

IN NEWCASTLE
NEWCASTLE v. St. George at the International Sports Centre, Saturday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1978 - Newc 3-2, St. G. 2-1, 1979 - Newc 4-2, 1-1, 1980 - Newc 3-0. Advantage Newcastle 3 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss. Goals: 12:7.



Alan Vest

Vest takes

KB, not Wollongong

So much for the reported deal between Newcastle coach Alan Vest and Wollongong, the self-proclaimed new participant in next year's revamped PSL. Late last week Vest signed a contract with Newcastle binding him to the club for next year and could be a busy man during the off-season as he hunts for overseas talent with which to bolster his first-team squad.

Vest's signature with Newcastle will be a blow to Wollongong which indicated its interest in signing him. — CRAIG MACKENZIE



Jamie Paton (No. 9) scores Heidelberg's first goal, past JUST defender Kiri Kyriakoulous. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS

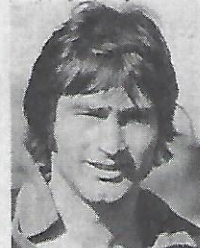


Part of the 6734 fans at Western Oval — the biggest crowd of the round

JIM KRIARIS QUILTS

Footscray J.U.S.T.'s assistant coach Jim Kriaris, resigned last week.

He said he had no alternative because the committee and senior coach Rocco Ilie were giving him no support. "It is extremely disappointing because I have given seven years of service to the club as a player and a coach," Kriaris said. He explained that when one of the senior players swore at him during training, he protested first to Ilie and then to the committee but neither took action to discipline the player or to support Kriaris. A former captain of Heidelberg United, Kriaris played sweeper behind Jim Kondarios for many seasons before a back injury forced him out at the end of 1978.



Jim Kriaris

He returned this year as player-coach of J.U.S.T.'s Second Division team and also had a few games in the PSL side.



Agenor Muniz (left) of Adelaide City, holds off Newcastle's Col Curran to get a shot at goal. Picture by FRANK HOBBS

Hellas favored for the four

South Melbourne Hellas is almost certain to retain its place in the top four after Adelaide City lost 1-3 to Newcastle last Sunday.

Adelaide's loss left Hellas three points clear in fourth place with five games to go. The three main contenders for fourth place — South Melbourne, Adelaide City and Newcastle — have similar runs home. Their remaining programme with home games in capitals are: Hellas v. FOOTSCRAY, Adelaide City, ST. GEORGE, Marconi, NEWCASTLE. Adelaide City v. Heidelberg, SOUTH MELBOURNE, West Adelaide, SYDNEY CITY, Blacktown. Newcastle v. ST. GEORGE, Marconi, Brisbane Lions, HEIDELBERG, South Melbourne — LAURIE SCHWAB.

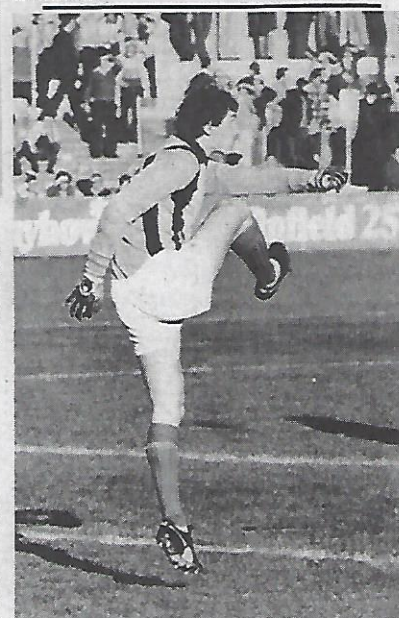
Mexico, U.S. in

Mexico and the U.S.A. qualified at the weekend for the finals of the Coca-Cola world youth championships to be played in Australia next year.

Mexico and the U.S. both won their deciding qualifying matches on penalties — Mexico against Canada and the U.S. against Honduras.

The other finalists so far are: England, Holland, Italy, Spain, Poland, Rumania and Australia as host country.

A total of 16 teams will contest the finals, from 3 to 18 October, 1981.



J.U.S.T. substitute Chris Petrov — had a few minutes in goal after Dennis Boland was sent off. Reserve keeper Steve Potter then replaced Petrov.

CROWD WATCH

Philips League round 21 attendance: 23,207. Corresponding figures in past seasons, 1979 — 16,620, 1978 — 24,760; 1977 — 17,120. Total so far for 1980: 585,373, 1979 — 636,188; 1978 — 642,828; 1977 — 580,811. Breakdown for round 21 last weekend end in previous years:

	1980	1979	1978	1977
St. Geo v Marc.....	3217 (0-3)	3873 (1-1)	3234 (2-1)	3500 (1-3)
Can v SM.....	1860 (0-0)	2225 (3-2)	4200 (0-3)	1500 (0-2)
APIA v SC.....	3965 (2-2)	4820 (0-3)		
Black v BL.....	1768 (4-1)			
BC v WA.....	2563 (1-1)	3100 (2-0)	4200 (0-1)	5223 (1-0)
Foot v H'berg.....	6734 (0-2)	6000 (2-2)	4500 (1-2)	6500 (1-3)
AC v Newc.....	3100 (1-3)	6100 (0-0)	5123 (1-1)	

NOTE: Where no official attendance figures are released, the figures are estimates by "Soccer Action" correspondents.

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Will Rooney be right?

FOOTSCRAY JUST 0
HEIDELBERG 2

Goals: Paton 32nd, Bozakis 56th.
Ground: Western Oval.
Crowd: 6734.
Cautions: Zyzendoom, Cole (H'berg), Piccione, Rujovic, Milne.
H'berg (Footies) 6th.

Refer: Chris Brambridge (Vic) 6.
Jimmy Rooney had no doubts after this game that Heidelberg would win the championship. He's been saying so since the start of the season, even during Heidelberg's occasional lapses.

With Marconi and Sydney City in hot pursuit, Heidelberg must keep on winning — against Adelaide City, St. George, Marconi, Newcastle and Brisbane Lions in the remaining rounds.

Rooney will be back against Adelaide City on Sunday week. Fit again after missing four games with a knee injury, he came on for the last eight minutes against Footscray J.U.S.T. as substitute for Jim Campbell.

Andy Bozakis used this game to end his down period and re-establish himself as a top-liner. Free of the groin injury that had troubled him, Bozakis launched raid upon raid on the J.U.S.T. goal, making full use of the room given him by Jim Milne.

Other stars were striker Jamie Paton and right back Arthur McMillan. Paton's form has been nothing short of incredible. He attacked as usual and rarely gave his opponent, Zdravko Lujic, a look at the ball.

J.U.S.T., which had Joe Piccione back but Slobodan Jovanovic suspended and Igor Hazabont injured, put Jim Kondorovic on Gary Cole and Mirko Rujovic on the wing, making full use of the room given him by Jim Milne.

But with everyone concentrating on defence, J.U.S.T. had no time pushing the team forward. After a good opening half-hour came the inevitable collapse.

During that good early period, a brilliant build-up started by Piccione went via Zoran Iloski to Dragan Vasic whose shot was turned for a corner by Jeff Oliver. Moments later Oliver blocked Iloski who was running on a loose ball after action by Vasic.

But Heidelberg counter-attacked immediately, through Cole in full flight. That's the time Cole is most dangerous, but Jim O'Reilly stopped him with a well-timed tackle, and did so again a little later.

Belic worked harder than any of the J.U.S.T. players. His job of doing middlemen's work, pushing up as centre forward and trying to stop Pat Bannan from advancing, was more difficult than most, but he worked away tirelessly and was consistently in the air.

Cole broke away in the 32nd minute, his shot was blocked on the line, and Paton nipped in to put it away for the first goal.

J.U.S.T. collapsed then, and the second half was all Heidelberg.

Campbell, in his best move of the game, dashed down the left wing past Kiril Kyriakoulas to the line before silencing a cross over the defenders for Bozakis to smash high into the net for goal No. 2 in the 56th minute.

Paton played an inspired square pass for Cole, but goalkeeper Dennis Boland blocked the ball at Cole's feet and Bozakis, following up, smashed it over the unguarded goal.

Boland and Cole tangled while both were down, and referee Chris Brambridge sent off Boland and showed Cole the yellow card.

Chris Petrov, who had just replaced Joe Piccione, exchanged shirts with Boland and went into goal. Reserve goalkeeper Steve Potter came on to replace Petrov a few minutes later. Why Potter didn't come on straight away is beyond me!

Blunders of Blanco

ST GEORGE 0
MARCONI 3

Scorers: Krncevic 9th, Janovic 49th, Vieri pen 72nd.
Cautions: McIntosh, Campbell, Hadley, Lindsay, Schaffer, Stone, Skeen.
Ground: Barton Park.
Conditions: Perfect. Weather: Fine. Crowd: 3217.
Refer: Doug Renzie 6.

This match surely confirmed the complete demise of Santos with relegation now a formality.
It would come as no surprise to learn that Santos' directors after this match went back to their plush social club and wrote out their application for re-admittance to the PSL next season.

Although Santos' performance was not too bad, they were just not up to the standard of Marconi.

Once again, like so many times this season, their defence made too many fundamental errors and their forwards scored easy chances.

A great deal has been said and written about Santos' coach Raul Blanco.

The general opinion is that he is a nice guy and quite a popular personality.
I'll go along with that.

However, as a coach of a Phillips League club he's been a failure.

The players who failed were his signings, the tactics that he must accept this.

Last week Santos had one of their best results of the season when they travelled to Brisbane and held Lions to a scoreless draw.

It was a morale booster and surely a big plus for this game against Marconi.

But what does coach Blanco do? He makes two changes to his line-up.

He dropped youngsters Paul Kay and Peter Kothlos and replaced them with Billy Griffiths and Roy Cotton.

If this isn't asking for trouble, then nothing is.

As it happened, Griffiths was never sighted and Cotton missed three easy chances that could have made a big difference to the outcome.

The biggest problem with coach Blanco is that he has been using State League methods in the PSL and because of this he has been doomed to failure.

As for Marconi, well they are now back in the race for honours with a bang on this form will not be far away at the end.

All their big guns were back to their best, with Eddie Krncevic leading the way in fine style.

Senkalski starts it

ADELAIDE CITY 1
NEWCASTLE 3

Scorers: Barnes 48th; Newcastle 49th, Vieri pen 72nd, Jones (31st).
Ground: Olympic Sports Field.
Crowd: 3100.
Weather: Warm.
Refer: Bobby Kerr.

Newcastle KB United confirmed their bid for fourth spot with an inspiring 3-1 win over Adelaide City.

It was a splendid win, just two days after coach Alan Vest had signed a new 12-month contract with the club, quashing rumors that he would take over PSL aspirant Wollongong.

Vest's men produced the sort of disciplined effort which has been the trademark of Adelaide City itself.

But that aspect was missing from City which lacked the application and commitment needed to overturn Newcastle.

Although the match was better disappointment for City fans, it was great to watch as pure entertainment.

City began impressively with David Mitchell inspiring several early moves.

He set up John Nyskohus in the third minute but the sometime Soccerroo slammed the ball wide from a good position.

Moments later Nyskohus almost scored his fourth but the goal of the season (he has 11 but eight are penalties) with a brilliant diving header which struck the top of the bar.

City's attacking thrusts had Newcastle scrambling for cover, but Newcastle soon fired an ominous warning.

After two promising raids, Paul Burrows sent a fierce 20-metre drive over Peter Marshall's outstretched fingers and over the crossbar.

But Newcastle earned maximum points in the 35th minute after a 20-metre slam from Joe Senkalski.

The talented midfielder gave Bugsy Nyskohus and Sergio Melia the slip before directing a superb cross to the far post for David Jones (the Newcastle forward) to head into the net.

City equalised seconds before half time when Colin Barnes smashed a close range shot into the roof of the net after Garry Marocchi's shot had been blocked.

Despite the goal, City's mid-field had been a dismal flop with Marocchi, who had injured, the chief offender.

He eventually was replaced by another injury-plagued midfielder, Brian Northcote, who was more positive.

Newcastle did not allow themselves to be depressed by the equaliser and Jones illustrated their confidence with a whipping shot from a tight angle a minute after the restart.

Kosmina sent off

BRISBANE CITY 1
WEST ADELAIDE 1

Scorers: (Ratcliffe 85th (BC) Manocera 71st (WA).
Ground — Perry Park.
Weather — Fine and Cool.
Crowd — 2583.
Refer: W. Witschge 7.

West Adelaide provided newscaster Billy Birch with partial first success when they drew 1-1 with Brisbane City in a real battle of the battlers at Perry Park.

And West Adelaide came to within four minutes of collecting a full bag, something they have not achieved away from home all season.

With time running out and West Adelaide reduced to 10 men after the expulsion of John Kosmina in the 70th minute, City Central back David Ratcliffe finally did something his team could not produce with an intelligent equaliser.

It was the first and only time the brilliant Martin Crook looked like being by-passed.

It seems almost inconceivable that City, in their previous home game, could trash a top team like Heidelberg and follow up with this frustrating performance.

Maybe the overconfidence produced by 10 goals in the previous two matches had some effect on City, but they had ample opportunities to wrap this match up before half-time.

West Adelaide's first positive chance came in the 34th minute with Graham Honeyman forcing Kim Wishart to make a solid save.

Five minutes later, an uncharacteristic missed clearance by Steve Perry allowed Graham Honeyman to slip a pass to midfielder Vic Bozanic, whose snarl shot whistled just over the bar.

The second half produced a myriad of mistakes from both teams as they no doubt nervously contemplated the possibility of letting a vital point slip. But City, spurred on by hardworking midfielders George Potter, Frank Pimblett and Bobby Hamilton, seemed to get things together just a touch more effectively.

In the 52nd minute, Kerso headed a Joe Palinkas cross backwards but West Adelaide's centre of his goal-line, full-back Peter Iymczyszyn steadied the ball and drove it clear.

Hamilton continued to work well with winger Willie Conner, who carried his solid form against South Melbourne into this game and during one jinking run, the little midfielder was brought down just on the edge of the box.

Palinkas curved the free kick with tremendous force, but again the diving frame of Crook shoved the shot over the bar.

Then came a most unusual chain of events, which resulted in a win-one-lose-one situation for West Adelaide as they lost Kosmina but scored a goal.

Ratcliffe fouled Kosmina and after a change of words the former Soccerroo delivered a perfect "Liverpool kiss", which resulted in a red card from Henry Witschge, and a yellow one for a Ratcliffe.

From the resultant free kick, several players ran over the ball before it was slammed against the post by Bozanic, and Manocera followed through to finish off.

Then with only four minutes left, Ratcliffe motored after a ball down the left and, spotting Crook inexplicably off his line, calmly lifted his shot over the keeper of the equaliser.

100th for Moulis

CANBERRA CITY 0
SOUTH MELBOURNE 0

Ground: Bruce Stadium.
Crowd: 1860.
For once the coaches were frank and honest.

South Melbourne's John Margaritis summed up this nil-nil draw with: "It wasn't a great game. We didn't play well."

Canberra's John Brown quickly agreed it had not been a good game, but as to City not playing well, he said:

"A point's a point — golden when it's your first in five league games."

He was referring to Canberra possibly stopping the rot of four successive league defeats following their superb spell of seven wins.

"Perhaps now we can regain some of our confidence," said Brown.

This was a game Canberra City should have won.

They were the better side in both halves.

South Melbourne, weakened by the loss through injury of Rogers and Davidson, never penetrated a hard-tackling last line of Danny Moulis, Roy Stark, Mike Milovanovic and Harry Williams.

Danny Moulis celebrated his 100 PSL games with the same club in fine style with a solid all-round performance.

Moulis, a were 20-year-old, has a great future.

Best for South Melbourne was goalkeeper Peter Laumets, who kept the ball out.

He brought off five saves in both halves.

Canberra began well and Terry Byrne — joining the team of Donald MacLaren and Tony Brennan — forced Laumets to punch a curling ball away for a corner.

Canberra continued to press and command play but it wasn't until the 21st minute that their second real chance was created.

Brennan side-footed to find Duncan Cole speeding down the sideline and his neatly-placed centre was headed superbly by Robert O'Shea.

In acrobatic style Laumets foiled the headed attempt with a great diving save.

Blacktown City 4 Brisbane Lions 1

Refer: T. Davies 9
Ground: Gabble Stadium
Crowd: 1,788
Goals: Horman 28th, Wilkinson 23rd, 90th O'Donnell pen. 70th (Black) Wright 88th (Lions) Cautions: Ontong.

A convincing victory by a determined, well organised Blacktown which had little to fear from a group of toothless Lions whose only shining light was Danny Wright, a 15 year old, who, given the right opportunities, will make his mark on the code.

Blacktown exhibited a good pattern throughout the match, moving the ball quickly from side to side and continually exploiting the Lions' weakness down the flanks.

To any but a stalwart Lions supporter the game was over with the first goal in the 8th minute.

A long throw by George Harris was nodded on by Jim Izatt and hammered home by Ricci Horman from a few metres as the ball drifted across a vacant goalmouth.

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In this period Ken Boden had good chances in the fifth and 13th minutes.

The first was off a corner which saw him alone and right in front but he took too long to turn. Greg Woodhouse showed some Soccerroo form to stop Boden's second chance from a shot from the edge of the area.

In the 31st minute Bill Pirie crashed home Leichhardt's first goal from Terry Butler's cross right to Pirie's feet.

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Silva, Steve O'Connor off

LEICHHARDT 2
SYDNEY CITY 2

Ground: Lambert Park
Crowd: 3985
Refer: P. Rampley 7
Scorers: Pirie 29', Coyne 45' (APIA) Boden 48' (Penalty), Smith 83' (SC).
Yellow Cards: Barnes 40', Butler 42', Mullen 44'.
Red Cards: Silva 66', S. O'Connor 83'.

Leichhardt's match program said that Sydney City deserved to be the 1980 league champion by being the most consistent team in the league but as the form it displayed in this match with Leichhardt these are hollow words.

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Carson looks for players, McKendry hard to please

BRISBANE LIONS 1
HEIDELBERG 2

Scorers: Haid-Cole 25', Paton 34'.
Goals: Milman 86'.
Ground — Lions Stadium.
Weather — Fine.
Crowd — 1500.
Refer — R. Mee 9.
Cautions — Niven (BL).

The Bergers kept their Phillips League title hopes very much alive and moved to within one point of Sydney City with this hard earned 2-1 win

over Brisbane Lions, whose own top four hopes look a little grim.

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Len McKendry obviously was happier after this match than after his recent visit to Brisbane when he watched his team capitulate to Brisbane Marconi and he said he still was not satisfied with several aspects of the Bergers' football.

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Croatia takes SA title

By Meno Toutsidis

Croatia did what most observers have been expecting all season - it won the SA Rothmans League championship.

A point ahead before the final round of the season, Croatia drew 1-1 with nearest challenger Para Hills to secure its first State League title.

A State League record crowd (post PSL) of 2,100 saw Terry Hayes fire Croatia to a 1-0 lead with a magnificent drive after nine minutes.

Para did not equalise until the 80th minute.

The win was a personal triumph for coach Billy Birch who took over from the fourth round of the season, with Croatia only three points off the bottom.

He launched their title bid with five straight wins and at the end of the season his record was 10 wins, three draws and a loss.

It is that kind of magic West Adelaide hope Birch can achieve with the ailing PSL club.

Birch was named last week as Gerry Chald's replacement. He will continue coaching Croatia until the end of the season, which includes the Federation Cup quarter final replay with Cumberland on Saturday and the Coca Cola top four championship the following week.

Immediately after the Croatia-Para Hills draw, Birch flew to Brisbane to prepare West for its match with Brisbane City.

Meanwhile, in another Rothmans League match, Cumberland beat Victoria 2-1 to clinch third spot.

The league's top scorer was Para Hills' Harry Bell with 12 goals, while Croatia forward John Pope notched 11.

Other top scorers were Robert Marve (Croatia) and Tim Brown (Para Hills) both with 10 goals.

Round 18 (final) results: CROATIA 1 (Hayes) PARA HILLS 1 (Brown), PORT ADLAIDE 2 (Mitchell, Jovanovic) BEOGRAD 1 (Santrich), POLONIA 1 (Kritikos) CAMBELLTOWN 1 (Kozuch), ELIZABETH 4 (Henderson 2, Buch, Byle) AZZURRI 3 (F. Mihaljevic 2, Bojczuk), CUMBERLAND 2 (Mahony, Welsh), VICTORIA 1 (Wexman).

FINAL TABLE	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	11	2	6	32	21	24
Para Hills	8	7	3	28	21	23
Cumberland	9	5	4	26	18	21
Polonia	9	3	6	29	22	23
Cambelltown	7	7	4	23	24	21
Port Adelaide	7	6	5	21	28	20
Elizabeth	6	7	6	21	33	17
BEOGRAD	5	3	10	24	32	13
Azzurri	4	3	11	29	35	7
Victoria	3	1	14	15	38	7

At this late stage of the season you can't blame the players for the dullness of this game.

After all, Slavia has nothing to play for and Frankston plays for nothing!

Frankston coach Nigel Bevis must have scratched his head in disbelief at the fashion in which his players wandered

Hogben v Cumming key to big game

Croatia and Green Gully Ajax meet head-on at Olympic Park No 2 on Sunday in a clash that could decide the runner-up in the 1980 State League.

Makedonia faces a Hakoah side struggling for a top four berth but lacking the fierce competitiveness to stem the onslaught of the red and blacks fired by the thought of achieving their first State League championship.

At the other end of the table Western Suburbs tackle George Cross and two points to Suburbs almost would assure them of avoiding relegation.

The Croatia-Green Gully Ajax clash will provide Gully coach Bobby McLachlan with a good indication of the class difference between his side and the top two - Makedonia and Croatia.

Earlier this season McLachlan said that he saw Gully as definite top four material but he was uncertain about the extent of Gully's improvement when measured alongside the top two sides.

McLachlan can now rest assured that he has produced Ajax's best side yet although the scope for further improvement is great.

On Sunday Gully can take a point from Croatia provided young Dave Hogben, probably Tommy Cumming's marker, can stifle the dynamic winger as successfully as he stifled Jim Paparas of George Cross.

Paparas was so frustrated by Hogben that he elected to take on the youngster rather than part with the ball but Hogben's speed and recovery proved too great.

Cumming is a different proposition, for he likes to go deep to lose his marker before suddenly bursting forward into one-on-one situations where his ability to maintain possession at top speed causes problems.

Gully's outstanding sweeper Jimmy Dunne will have to give Hogben good cover as well as look after John Patten who most likely will tag Carl Gilder.

Croatia right back Steve Short should have an interesting duel with Gully's stocky winger Bill Morrey and Short would be well advised not to throw himself in as he has been prone to do this season.

Hakoah keeper Mike O'Hara will have to be at his showy best to keep out Robert Cullen, Peter Ollerton and Gary Ward and if O'Hara and his defensive curtain take care of Makedonia's striking trio there is George McMillan, Jeff Faulkner and Claude Lucchesi to look after.

At the other end of Connor Reserve Hakoah will get little change from Makedonia's four which is proving to be the best defensive combination in the league, capably led by sweeper Gordon Flavell and boosted by the consistency of John Higham and Mike Rainey and Ljube Petrovski's tagging ability.

Western Suburbs could surprise George Cross and take both points in Sunday's encounter due to the developing striking capabilities of Steve Carr and Kitt Grech.

In other games Sunshine may have to settle for a draw against Slavia, Juventus can take both points from Altona and Frankston may walk away from Croydon Park with a point.

Grant Smart crossed from the right into a crowded Croydon area and the ball fell to Willie Vassallo on a slight angle about 15 metres out and the former Maltese international let fly with a hard, low shot that went inside the far upright to level the scores.

Had Loughnane successfully chipped Denys when Croydon led 1-0, Gully could have struggled throughout the second half.

But the home side gave its fans some joy in the second half by taking the game to the visitors against the wind and Gully created the better chances only to be thwarted by fine keeping from Croydon's Mick Edwards.

HAKOAH 1 (O'Neil) JUVENUS 1 (Gillan)

HAKOAH: O'Hara - Rooney, Gaidy, Jordanou, Edmondson - Cantelone, H.L. Munro, Crino, Cavallari - Gill, McGuinness.

JUVENUS: Reilly - Curcio, Nelson, Crenny, Turquinio - Smith, cantelone, H.L. Munro, Crino, Cavallari - Gill, McGuinness.

Referee Bob Henderson had a fine game, Jack Reilly got his body in the way of many good Hakoah chances, Tiziano Cavallari will soon learn that he is allowed to tackle in the State League and how did Chris Kent miss an open goal from about three metres.

Cavallari has undoubtedly skill and class in this standard of soccer but he lacks the backing to see his talent flourish and frankly State League soccer never has involved only short interpassing with no physical contact.

The game spring to life in the 58th minute when George Gilder scored.

Fabio Incantulo crossed from the left, Oscar Crino headed on to Gillan who headed against the underside of the crossbar, the ball bounced down and according to referee Henderson, over the goal line.

Hakoah dominated the last 15 minutes but Reilly was the barrier that allowed Juve to grab a point.

In the first minute Kent went past two defenders, rounded Reilly but side-footed the ball wide.

But Hakoah deservedly scored in the 86th minute when Ian McNeil shot truly from about 15 metres.

MAKEDONIA 7 (Ward 4, Faulkner, Petrovski, McMillan) SUNSHINE 1 (D. Nelson)

MAKEDONIA: Kestner - Rainey (inj), Beech 70th, Flavell, Higham, Petrovski - Faulkner (inj), Gilder 75th, McMillan, Lucchesi - Cullen, Ollerton, Ward.

SUNSHINE: Wood - Dwyer (McKinnon), Ellis, R. Nelson, McRobert

Record for Bilaver?

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— Singleton, Donaldson, Mussel, Laing (Midfield 70th) - Pocock, D. Nelson.

You need a journalist for the first few goals of a game but for anything above five goals you need a statistician.

1-0: In the third minute Jeff Faulkner played a wall pass before setting up Gary Ward whose fierce, first-time curling shot from 20 metres gave young Dale Wood no chance.

2-0: Faulkner crossed into the area, Peter Ollerton challenged Wood and the ball fell to Ward who tapped in his second.

3-0: Faulkner cracked a tremendous drive from 20 metres after dummyming a defender.

4-0: Ljube Petrovski moved up, unconcerned about looking after Sunshine's two lonely front runners, and cracked a bullet-like 35 metre shot that smashed against Wood's chest and into goal.

At this stage only 20 minutes had elapsed and Sunshine coach Jim McIntyre was disgusted at his defenders who constantly backed off and allowed Makedonia the time and space to shoot and cross at will.

Thank God for half time but the second half was only 10 minutes old when number five was posted.

5-0: George McMillan got into the act with a left-foot drive from the edge of the area.

"I was very disappointed to see Sunshine score," said Makedonia coach Brian Edgley, "and it looked like a hand-ball." But the Shiners got a solitary reward for the day's efforts when Dave Nelson ran onto Jim McRobert's pass and shot past Lou Kastner with a well-placed right foot shot.

6-1: The slaughter continued when Rob Cullen ran down the left, came inside, then passed

to Ward who met the ball well and hammered it home.

7-1: Claude Lucchesi passed to Ollerton who played the ball back to Lucchesi who in turn pushed a through ball to Ward running in behind the defence before slotting home his fourth goal.

After the match McIntyre summed up his side's performance: "We didn't deserve to be in the same league as Makedonia."

ALTONA 3 (Craw 2, Hoyland) WESTERN SUBURBS 0

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SUBURBS: Mitandis - Jim Depatta, Glykolas, Javoricki, Duglis - Christodoulou, Carr, Kupul - Theodorakis, Grechani (Kypriotes 43rd), N. Christodoulou.

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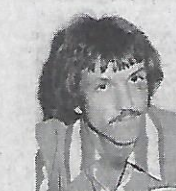
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Our guest tipster this week is Hakoah captain Steve Gadsby (pictured). Steve's selections with likely winners in capitals:

Sunshine v Slavia (draw) at Chaplin Reserve, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

ALTONA v Juventus at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm. Western Suburbs v GEORGE CROSS at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROYDON v Frankton at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROATIA v Green Gully at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, 3 pm.

Makedonia v Hakoah (draw) at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

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Altona came alive after this let-off and in the 33rd minute hit the front when Suburbs keeper Alex Mitandis dived at full stretch to parry a shot from Kevin Innes but merely tapped the ball onto the inside of the upright from where it rebounded across goal to Robbie Craw following up and he tapped home the simplest of goals.

Four minutes later Altona wrapped up the match when Stuart Cannell's free kick from the half line went to Kevin Kelly on the edge of the area and Kelly headed the ball over the square Suburbs defence to Dave Hoyland who had made a fine run in behind the defence and he made no mistake from three metres.

Suburbs went through the motions for most of the remainder of a scrappy game

Reilly scores

Votes for the General Tourist best player award, a return trip for two to New Zealand:

GEORGE CROSS v CROATIA 3 - Adams (GC)

1 - Matland (GC)

FRANKTON v SLAVIA 3 - Cooper (F)

2 - Haupt (Slav)

1 - Wade (Slav)

GREEN GULLY v CROYDON 3 - Vassallo (CG)

2 - Edwards (Croy)

1 - Dunne (GG)

HAKOAH v JUVENUS 3 - Reilly (F)

2 - Jordanou (H)

1 - Kent (H)

MAKEDONIA v SUNSHINE

3 - Cullen (M)

2 - Ward (M)

1 - McMillan (M)

ALTONA v SUBURBS

3 - Innes (A)

2 - Cannell (A)

1 - Glykolas (WS)

Progressive totals:

21 - Dunne (GG)

21 - Glykolas (WS)

20 - Cannell (A)

17 - Cullen (M)

16 - Paparas (CG), Kent (H)

Leading scorers:

13 - Ward (M)

12 - McMillan (M),

McGuinness (J)

10 - Reilly (F)

8 - Adams (F)

7 - Gilder (C)

Team of the week

HAUPT (Slav)	CANNELL (A)	DUNNE (GG)	JORDANOU (H)
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West Germany, Yugoslavia fail foul of Mexico

No-one expected Mexico to flop as badly as it did in the 1978 World Cup finals as it had achieved some remarkable results leading up to Argentina.

In June, the Mexicans had a sensational 2-2 draw with West Germany at home, after leading 2-0.

Isiordia and De la Torre scored the goals before two by Klaus Fischer saved face for the German team which featured all the big stars — Maier, Vogts, Bonhof, Folhe, Abramczik and the others.

Earlier in the year, Mexico had stunned the world by beating Yugoslavia 5-1! The Yugoslav team, although only an experimental second-string combination, was still a strong one, comprising stars like Bajevic, Hadziabdic, Katalnik and Zrakovic.

Mexico's goals in that game were scored by Chavez, Isiordia, Jimenez, and Vasquez, the other being an own goal by Jelenovic.

Another major success was Mexico's 1-1 draw with Hungary. It also drew 1-1 with South American Cup winner Atletico Mineiro of Brazil.

Mexico may have cut it fine in winning its preliminary world cup qualifying group against Canada and the USA only on goal average, but in the final qualifying series, held in Mexico, the home team won all five games for a goal average of 20.5.

Opponents in the final series were Haiti, which played in the World Cup in West Germany, Canada, El Salvador, Guatemala and Surinam.

Some of Mexico's best achievements in past World Cup finals have been beating Czechoslovakia in Chile in 1962, and beating Belgium 1-0 to reach the quarter-finals of the 1970 tournament which was, of course, held in Mexico.

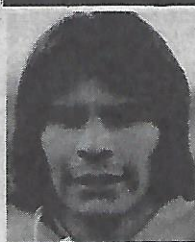
Eleven Australians will tell you exactly how skilful and how fast the Mexicans are.

Those 11, playing in the green and gold of Australia, lost 0-3 to Mexico at the Aztec Stadium, in the last game of Australia's 1970 world tour.

After having appeared in every World Cup final tournament since 1950, the Mexicans suffered a humiliating set-back in the 1973 qualifying rounds, during which they lost 0-4 to Trinidad, thus giving rival Haiti a berth in the finals.

But the Mexican Football Federation was determined to get its team back among the elite, so it advanced about \$170,000 to prepare its team and to stage the final CONCACAF play-offs.

Mexicans test ou



Alfredo Tena Garduno



Jose Pilar Reyes Requenes



Ignacio Flores Ocaranza



Cristobal Ortega Martinez



Hugo Sanchez Marquez



Arturo Vazquez Ayala



Guillermo Mendizabal



Antonio de la Torre Villalpando

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Australia's two games ago before the Soccerroos set o November.

The games are at the Sydney Sunday and at Olympic Park, Tuesday.

The Soccerroos should find Mexico Ireland, AC Milan, Czechoslovakia teams they have met this year.

Australia's best results this year Czechoslovakia, a 1-1 draw with Oceania Cup in New Caledonia.

Rudi Gutendorf will make four or in Melbourne, as he does not believe twice in three days.

Peter Sharne, Eddie Krncevic and line in Sydney, while in Melbourne Cole and Mark Jankovics.

John Yzendoorn may be tried as a Gutendorf has stuck with his usual goalkeeper Peter Marshall for Joe Senkalski, whose international injury, is back and Zdravko Lukic camp during the Northern Ireland's will use Lujic in at least part of the.

"I'm disappointed Alan Davidson planning to use him for the full 90 m."

"Also, I miss Tommy Cumming. He is one of my men. There is no providing he is fit."

"Jimmy Rooney won't play but I've heard a lot of good things Bannon. I'm keeping my eye on him."

The Australian squad is: GOALKEEPERS: Greg Wood (Adelaide City).

DEFENDERS: Kevin Mullen Yzendoorn (Heidelberg), Ivo Prskalo (Brisbane City), Arno Bertog (Heidelberg).

MIDFIELDERS: Tony Henderson Barnes (Sydney City), John C (Heidelberg), George Christopoulos (Adelaide City), Joe Senkalski (New).

FORWARDS: Peter Sharne, M (Marconi), Gary Cole (Heidelberg), Lujic (Footscray JUST).

Australia's likely line-up in the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday:

They beat Soviets

Mexico's best international results over the past 18 months have been a 1-0 victory over the USSR and a 3-1 win over Spain.

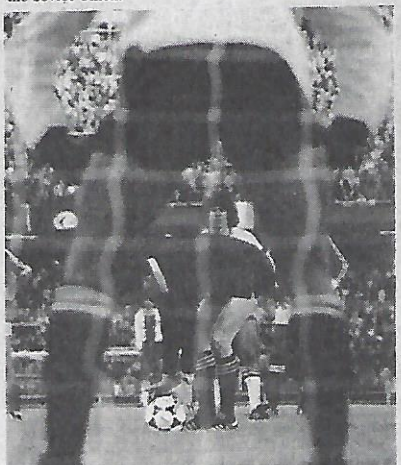
Games played by the Mexicans in 1979 and 1980: January 1979: v. USSR 1-0, February: v. Guatemala 3-1, v. El Salvador 2-0, March: v. Spain 1-1, 3-1, December: v. Ararat (USSR) 1-1.

February 1980: v. South Korea 0-1; March: v. Honduras 4-1; June: v. Brazil 0-2, v. Southampton (England) 1-0, July: v. Guatemala 2-2.

Mexico's line-up in its 0-2 loss to Brazil on June 8: Reyes, Trejo, Pena, Vasquez, De la Torre, Mungui (Luna), Gonzalez (Medina), Mendizabal, Tapia (Cristobal), Castro (Augustin), Hugo Sanchez.

Brazil played with: Raul, Nelinho, Amaral (Mauro Pastor), Edinho, Pedrinho, Batista, Cereso, Socrates (Renato), Paulo Isidoro (Eder), Serginho and Ze Sergio. Brazil's goals were scored by Ze Sergio and Serginho.

Seven days after that game, Brazil lost 1-2 at home to the Soviet Union.



World Cup, 1978, referee Gordon places the ball on the penalty spot. Behind him, the anxious look of Mexican captain Vasquez Ayala, in the foreground Tunisian goalkeeper Naili. Ayala scored to put Mexico 1-0 up, but it was to be the last moment of joy for the Mexicans in this tournament. Tunisia went on to win 3-1, and the Mexicans had to face a violent reception when they returned home. It was reported that Ayala's car had been set on fire, and the families of several team members had to be given police protection.

CARDENAS THE COACH

Officials of the Mexican party: Ramon Martinez, head of delegation Guillermo Roara, vice-president of federation. Alfonso Diaz, doctor Victor Acevedo, trainer Raul Cardenas, coach Eduardo Monreal, assistant coach Francisco Larios, utility man

Quarter-finalist in 1970

Mexico scored only two goals in losing all three of its matches in Group Two of the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

Details of Mexico's matches: TUNISIA 3 (Kaabi, Gommidi, Dhouib) MEXICO 1 (Vazquez penalty) in Rosario, crowd 26,212.

TUNISIA: Naili Dhouib, Mohsen Ladihi "Jendoubi", Jebali, Kaabi, Gommidi, "Temime" Lahzami (Khemais Labidi 88th), Ben Rehaïen "Agrebi", Akid, Dhiab, Raouf Ben Aziza (Karoui 81st).

MEXICO: Reyes, Martinez, Tena, Ramos, Vasquez, Mendizabal (Lugo 67th), de la Torre, Cuellar, Rangel, Isiordia, Sanchez.

WEST GERMANY 6 (Rummennigge 2, Flohe 2, D. Mueller, H. Mueller) MEXICO 0 at Cordoba, crowd 45,000.

WEST GERMANY: Maier, Vogts, Ruesmann, Kaltz, Dietz, Bonhof, Folhe, H. Mueller, Rummennigge, Fischer, D. Mueller.

MEXICO: Reyes (Soto 42nd), Martinez, Tena, Ramos, Vasquez, Mendizabal, de la Torre, Cuellar, Lopez (Lugo 46th), Rangel, Sanchez.

MEXICO 1 (Rangel) POLAND 3 (Boniek 2, Deyna) at Rosario, crowd 25,000.

MEXICO: Soto, Flores, Cisneros, Gomez, Vasquez, de la Torre, Cuellar, Cardenas, Ortega, Rangel, Sanchez.

POLAND: Tomaszewski, Gorgon, Szymanski, Zmuda, Rudy, Deyna, Masztaler, Kasperczak, Boniek, Lato, Iwan.

Final group table:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	2	1	0	4	1	5
W. Germany	1	2	0	6	0	4
Tunisia	1	1	1	3	2	3
Mexico	0	0	3	2	12	0

Mexico's previous appearances in the World Cup:

1930 (in Uruguay): Group One of finals: v France 1-4, v Chile 0-3, v Argentina 3-6.

Mexico used: Bonfiglio, Gutierrez, M. Rosas, F. Rosas, Sanchez, Amezcua, Perez, Carreno, Mejia, Ruiz, Lopez, Sota, Gayon, F. Gutierrez, Rodriguez, Olivares.

1934 (in Italy): qualifying games: v Cuba 3-2, 5-0, 4-1 v USA 2-4.

1938 (in France), did not compete.

1950: (in Brazil), qualifying games: v USA 6-0, 6-2; v Cuba 2-0, 3-0; Group One of finals: v Brazil 0-4, v Yugoslavia 1-4, v Sweden 1-2.

Mexico used: Carbajal, Zetter, Montemayor, Ruiz, Ochola, Roca, Septien, Ortiz, Cesarin, Perez, Velasquez, Gutierrez, Gomez, Florez, Naranjo, Guevara, Borbolla.

1954 (in Switzerland): qualifying games: v Haiti 8-0, 4-0; v USA 4-0, 3-1; Group One of finals: v Brazil 0-5, v France 2-3.

Mexico used: Carbajal, Lopez, Gomez, Cardenas, Romo, Avalos, Torres, Naranjo, Lamadrid, Balcazar, Arellano, Mota, Martinez.

1958 (in Sweden): qualifying games: v USA 6-0, 7-2; v Canada 3-0, 2-0; v Costa Rica 2-0, 1-1; Group Three of finals: v Sweden 0-3, v Wales 1-1, v Hungary 0-4.

Mexico used: Carbajal, Del Muro, Romo, Villegas, Portugal, Flores, Hernandez, Reyes, Calderon, Gutierrez, Sesma, Cardenas, Belmonte, Blanco, Gonzales, Sepulveda.

1962 (in Chile): qualifying games: v USA 3-3, 3-0; v Costa Rica 0-1, 4-1; v Dutch Antilles 7-0, 0-0; Group Three of finals: v Brazil 0-2, v Spain 0-1, v Czechoslovakia 3-1.

Mexico used: Carbajal, Del Muro, Sepulveda, Jauregui, Cardenas, Najera, Del Aguila, Reyes, Hernandez, Jasso, Diaz, A. Hernandez.

1966 (in England): qualifying games: v Honduras 1-0, 3-0; v USA 2-2, 2-0; v Costa Rica 0-0, 1-0; v Jamaica 3-2, 8-0; Group One of finals: v France 1-1, v England 0-2, v Uruguay 0-0.

Mexico used: Calderon, Chaires, Pena, Nunez, Hernandez, Diaz, Mercado, Reyes, Frago, Padilla, Borja, Del Muro, Jauregui, Carbajal, Cisneros.

1970 (in Mexico), Group One of finals: v USSR 0-0, v El Salvador 4-0, v Belgium 1-0; quarter-finals: v Italy 1-4.

Mexico used: Calderon, Lopez, Vantolra, Guzman, Pulido, Velarde, Manguia, Valdivia, Frago, Gonzalez, Borja, Basaguren, Padilla, Diaz.

1974 (in West Germany): qualifying games: v Canada 1-0, 2-1; v USA 3-1, 2-1; v Guatemala 0-0; v Honduras 1-1; v Dutch Antilles 8-0; v Trinidad 0-4; v Haiti 1-0. FAILED TO QUALIFY.

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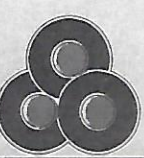
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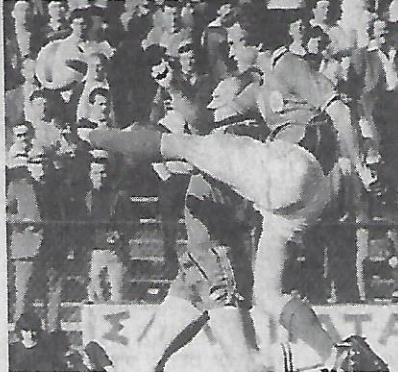
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Murray Barnes (centre) and Gary Cole (right) tangle with Chris Nichol and Gerry Armstrong in the 1-1 draw with Northern Ireland. At left is Eddie Krncevic.



APIA winger Phil O'Connor — his brilliant form has guaranteed him a game in Sydney.



Heidelberg striker Gary Cole (left) outruns Tom Forde of West Adelaide. Cole will confront Mexico in Melbourne.

Mexico's top four players are:

JOSE PILAR REYES goalkeeper, age 24. Height 6ft 1in. Has played 36 international games since 1976. Voted Mexico's best goalkeeper in 1977, 78, 79, 80. Played in World Cup in Argentina. Number one keeper during CONCACAF elimination tournament, currently playing for Universidad de Nuevo Leon, 1980 runner-up in Mexican league and National champion in 1973. Named best keeper in North America in 1979. Professional player since 1975. Starter with national team in 1977 against National team of Peru. Married, two daughters.

GUILLERMO MENDIZABAL, Midfielder, age 26. ht 6ft 2ins. National player since 1977. Starter in World Cup '78 in Argentina experience. 25 international games. Captain of Mexico since February, 1980. Playing for Cruz Azul, 1980 champion. An elegant midfielder, was compared with the great Frank Beckenbauer during Mexico's tour, and Europe in 1978. Scored 12 goals in 1979 and 16 in 1980 for champion Cruz Azul. A creative midfielder. He moves all over the field and a great dribbler and an acute sense of position. He is able to attack and defend. Single.

ALFREDO TENA, centreback, age 23. ht. 5ft. Member of Mexico's national team since 1977. Played in World Cup in Argentina. Experience. 26 international games. Plays for Club America of Mexico City. Voted best defender of Mexico in 1978 and 1979. Champion with Club

America in 1977, most valuable player in CONCACAF tournament (1977). He is very strong and has complete control of his defensive. Married, one child.

CRISTOBAL ORTEGA, right winger, 23, ht. 5ft 6 in. Member of Mexico's national team since 1977. Played in Argentina '78. Experience. 30 international games. Currently playing for Club

America. His transfer to Club America was the highest in Mexico. In 1977 they paid US\$400,000. Regarded as one of Mexico's best forwards. Scored 22 goals in 1978, 25 in 1979 and 23 last season. He has extraordinary speed and great ability with the ball. It is very hard to stop him when he starts running. Most of his goals are from close range but also has a powerful right foot for direct free kicks.



Adelaide City goalkeeper Peter Marshall — his first chance.

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Niven under Rudi's microscope

The Socceroos will play a match against the Brisbane Lions at the Lions stadium on Wednesday night, September 10. National coach Rudi Gutendorf said in Brisbane last week.

Gutendorf, who was at the onus-Heidelberg United match, really does not like to play the national team against club sides. He said the match only needed approval of ASF president Sir Thur George, and that he expected the all clear.

Gutendorf said Lions left full-back Alan Niven would play for the Socceroos in the game, and that he was looking at the naturalised Englishman as a likely national team prospect in the future.

"I will not consider him for the Mexico internationals, but he will be watched closely for future games," Gutendorf said. He admitted he was disappointed at Niven's "lack of aggression" against Heidelberg, repeating his previously stated preference for fullbacks who will attack down the flanks.

"It was just what was required against Heidelberg, as they have proved that under pressure, they are not such a good team at the back."

Gutendorf also was impressed with the performance of Lions' 15-year-old star, Danny Wright, who has great strength, ball control, a willingness to shoot and an apparent lack of nerves.

Gutendorf said: "From this performance, he must rank as one of the country's most outstanding young talents."

In the match against the national side, Lions will include a couple of guest players, namely Australian youth squad member Craig McLatchey from Rockhampton, and Mareeba United's leading State League goalscorer, Paul Trovalusci, who will trial with Lions next year.

Coach Matt Carson said Lions' other youth squad players would also play. They are striker Calvin Daunt and brilliant goalkeeper Glenn Ahearn.

The youngsters will be built around the usual nucleus of Jim Hermiston, Col Bennett, Paul Ontong, Steve Hogg and Ron Millman.

— BRUCE WADDELL



YOUTH REPORT

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YOUTH TITLES AT BOX HILL

The Coca-Cola national under 15 championships will be played at Wembley Park, Box Hill (Vic) from Sunday to 30 August.

The opening ceremony, featuring Box Hill mayor John Richardson, Peter Wright of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, VSF president John Dimtsis and Coke official Peter Fletcher, will start on Sunday at 9 am.

The match programme is:

24 Aug ACT v Tas., Vic. v WA, SA v NSW
25 Aug: Vic v SA, ACT v NSW, Qld v Tas.
26 Aug: Tas v NSW, Qld v WA, ACT v Vic
27 Aug: WA v SA, Tas. v Vic, Qld v NSW
28 Aug: Qld v SA, NSW v Vic, WA v ACT
29 Aug: WA v Tas, SA v ACT, Qld v Vic
30 Aug: Qld v ACT, SA v Tas, NSW v WA
Kick off times are 10.30 am, 12.15 pm and 1.45 pm.
It is a round-robin competition.



NUNAWADING BOYS ON MARCH

These are the Nunawading City under 7 boys who are progressing well in skills and match play under their coach Robert Pill. The boys are, back row from left: Ken Monehan, Brandon Naish, Martin Kristan, Paul Sustek, Paul

Martin, Paul Karak. Centre row: Jason Trevethan, Stuart Swain, Anthony Ryan, Justin Bown, Stuart Jardine, Alastair Clarke. Front row: Michael Boyd, Damien Dean, Damien Fitzgerald, George Makoutas, Rohan Johnstone, Bryan England.

ITALY NEXT STOP FOR COLUSSO?

"Uncle" Joe Vlasits is renowned in Australian soccer as the grand old man of coaching. Vlasits has seen many of his former charges go on to great things.

If the drive and ambition of Marconi hopeful Dennis Colusso is fulfilled, Vlasits' influence will have played an important part yet again.

"Yes, 'Uncle' Joe has helped to boost my confidence and make me believe in myself," said Colusso.

"If I can follow in my brother's footsteps I will be happy."

Colusso's brother, Rene, left Australia some years ago to try his luck in the professional world of Italian soccer and has established himself with Third Division club Arezzo.

Younger brother Dennis spent two months with Rene last year and although Arezzo wanted Dennis to stay the youngster, returned to Australia to finish his studies.

"I came back to Australia after training with Arezzo's first team aware of the professionalism and drive needed to succeed and I was delighted to make Marconi's PSL squad pre-season," said Dennis.

With overseas travel coming up as a member of Australia's youth team, Dennis eagerly awaits his chance to prove himself and gain a regular berth in the eleven.

Should Dennis fulfil his desire for a youth team berth it will be another feather in the cap of a youngster with a successful junior background.

Dennis started playing for Smithfield Hotspurs at Under-7 level and stayed with the club until Under-13 level during which time he represented the Southern Districts.

Dennis joined Marconi when he was 13 and he progressed to Marconi's Third Grade side the following year.

After another year the PSL came into being and Dennis spent two years with Marconi's Under-19 side before seriously pressing for senior selection.

He has represented NSW at Under-16 and youth level and is well aware of the potential of Australia's youth.

"When I was in Italy I watched youth players in action and really there is not much difference between us and them."

"There is an abundance of talent here and the only way we can bring it out at national youth level is by being together more often."

"I am looking forward to our coming overseas tours to Fiji and especially to Israel, because the Israel trip will allow us to gauge the standard of European sides and know what is required from us."

"I think that our youth team is very talented and will do very well and I consider it an honor to be part of the squad."

Dennis doesn't see anyone as his main rival for youth honors, rather he prefers to view the squad as in competition on an overall basis and he knows that he will have to fight for his place every inch of the way.

"All I aim for is to succeed with the youth team."

"I just take things as they come and after I achieve my goal I set myself another target and go on to try and reach it."

Dennis sees the early age development of our young players as crucial to our future but he is sceptical about the current situation.

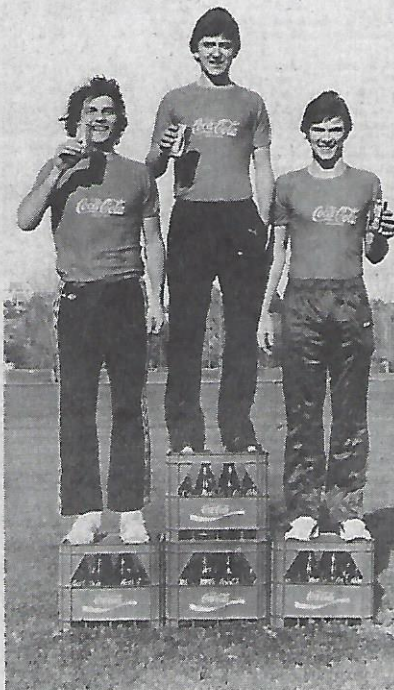
"From what I see we don't have enough good young coaches here to handle these promising boys whereas overseas, the expertise allows players to go on and achieve the monetary and professional rewards dangled before them."

Perhaps Dennis Colusso will take up the challenge of overseas soccer in years to come and become another Australian lost to our national team.

Youngsters such as Colusso must be given every incentive to further their careers in countries whose expertise far outweighs our own but for now, the Marconi youngster eagerly awaits next year's Coca Cola World Youth Cup Finals with his eyes firmly fixed upon a place in his country's first eleven. BY CRAIG MACKENZIE.



Dennis Colusso in action for NSW at the 1980 national youth titles. Could he follow in his brother's footsteps?



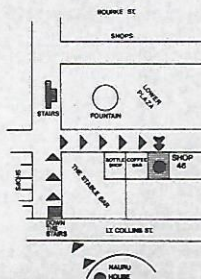
Here's cheers to Coke and its support of soccer. These three have a lot to thank Coke for, as they are in the Australian squad training for the world youth championships which Coke will sponsor here next year. The three are, from left: Vlatko Belic (Footscray JUST), Oscar Crino (Juventus) and Steve Blair (South Melbourne Hellas). Picture by LES SHORROCK.

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

John Mangos, 11, six goals (Heldberg Utd); Wayne Weber, 14 (North Dandenong); Andrew Drild, 11, Glenn Sleeman, 14, David Smith, 14, four goals, Ian Seppings, 14, four goals (Moorebank Baptist); Jason Ireland, 11, Luigi DeFrenza, 11 (Bellambi); Umberto Mecchi, 12, Erkan Gurkan, 12, (Moreland); Todd Dargan, 7, John Wetherpoon, 7, Scott Bell, 6, Robert Petreski, 7, Stuart Ogilvie, 7, five goals (Dandenong C); Andrew Richardson, 11, Craig Riddford, 11 (Werrbee High); Jimmy Trouvelix, 13 (Caulfield); Kevin Downey, 14, Tim Eaton, 14 (Granby); Derek Smith, 12 (Sunshine Heights); John Anastasiadis, 11, four goals (Meadow Park); Craig Mercer, 10, five goals, (Bathurst District Rep.),

Grant Welch, 9, (Bathurst Police Citizens Boys Club); Andrew Harringcampel, 11, five goals, Mark Luca, 10, four goals, Mark Rendle, 10 (Peninsula); Andrew Coldrey, 11 (Karingal Primary School); Darren Bedford, 8, Steve Varley, 8 (Mooroolbark); Nick Zeibekis, 13 (North Reservoir); Warren Reach, 12, Frank Spiteri, 12 (Green Gully); V. Beas, 13 (South Dandenong — no address given, so no certificate can be forwarded); Steve Jackson, 10, Zareo Perle, 13, Daniel Neal, 7, four goals (Boronia); Carlos Martinez, 11, five goals, Kommos Kosticidra, 11, four goals, Mickey Collins, 11, seven goals, Milan Durdjevic, 12, twelve goals (West Footscray Primary); Steven Avent, 8, four goals (Chiswick); Jason McCarron, 12, four goals, (Seaford Utd); Sam Cutrale, 11, Jimmy Dres, 11, four goals, Sebastian D'Agostino, 11 (Moonee Ponds Cassaro); Jure Sunjo, 13, Ante Sunjo, 15 (Wodonga City); Matthew Wilson, 11, Grant Santvert, 10, four goals (Pearcedale Primary); David Morgan, 7, six goals (Ringwood City); Robert Smith, 13 (Frankston Pines); Gerard Ramirez, 13, Billy Koussas, 13 (Caulfield); George Savkov, 10 (Silverton Primary); Neil Baulch, 8, Sean Flynn, 7 (Rox C); Dallas John, 11 (St. Theresa's Primary, Tas); David Lasota, 13 (John Marconi); 10, five goals, Boris Bozicovski, 10 (Sunshine Heights); Martin Lander, 7, Guy Healy, 15 (Baxter); Vasilios Paskalidis, 12, Johnny Smolko, 12 (Kellor Austria); Alastair Clarke, 7 (Nunawading C); Steve Svagano, 11, seven goals (Dandenong North Primary); Karl Tait, 13, Neil Wallace, 13, four goals, John Mouratidis, 12 (Moorebank); Tomas Vastich, 8, (Mitcham United); Mark Sady, 10, four goals (Ardeer); Ashley Bullock, 8, Cam Heath, 8, Mike Newberry, 8 (Knox City); Steven Svaganovic, 11 (Dandenong City); Lynton Toms, 12 (Monbulk); Morris Delmonti, 15, four goals (Batman United).

THEY'RE TOPS IN WAGGA WAGGA



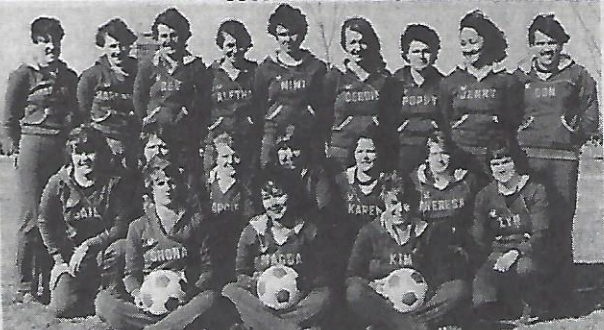
Henwood Park remains unbeaten as champion of Wagga Wagga.

Henwood's success is based upon a fine blend of youth and experience under the guidance of coach Chris Schmid.

Henwood recently won the Mapiet Cup by defeating Wagga United 5-0 in the final. One of Henwood's stars is Tony Ecomovic, manager of the Wagga Wagga branch of finance company General Credit and formerly a Victorian youth representative, and Croatia and Eltham player.

Missing from the picture are Michael Rich and Peter Hamersley.

From left back row: Paul Neuman, Robert Seaton, Michael Rich, Alan Foster, Michael Schmid, Pat Byrnes. Front: Tony Ecomovic, Jeff Ingram, Eddy van Delft, John Hermes, Dane Evans, Edwin Cesnik.



• The Victorian State women's team, back row from left: Margaret Jones (manager), Janet Melvin, Bev Chapman, Aloha Squillacotti, Mimi Solario, Debbie Nichols, Poppy Athanasiadis, Jenny Rampal, Don Jones (coach). Middle row: Gail McQuarrie, Karen Delves, Margaret Rust, Cheryl Elvey, Karen Hume, Theresa Jones, Lyn Wyngrove (massess). Front: Shona Bass, Madga Rampal, Kim Coates. Picture by LES SHORROCK

JUNIOR STANDINGS

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38 20 21	Games for August 24: Western v Districts.						
28 14 20	Papuan v Murrumbidgee Ranges, Sale City v New-						
38 16 19	borough, Trarigon City v Fortuna, Churchill v						
28 17 18	Trarigon City v Western.						
28 18 22	Papuan Trophy 2nd round: Olymptian v						
28 19 18	Western, Papuan "B" v Monash, 2. RAAF v Balm-						
28 21 11	sdale, Falcons v Oroun Dragons.						
25 33 11	DIVISION 1						
15 51 0	Trarigon City	15	10	3	21	13	23
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38 12 23	Western	18	8	1	50	17	0
40 12 17 22	Monash	15	5	0	4	31	23
28 19 14	Murrumbidgee Ranges	15	5	3	7	28	13
27 25 13	Newborough	15	6	1	25	20	13
24 24 23 13	Warragul	15	5	2	0	19	33
28 31 12	Fortuna	15	3	2	10	21	35
10 35 6	Districts	15	1	2	11	5	28
10 42 2	RESERVES						
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27 25 37 12	Churchill	14	1	6	17	25	8
27 35 36 8	Murrumbidgee Ranges	15	3	2	10	28	42
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2 23 12 18	Warragul	13	7	1	5	49	52
14 40 22 18	Maple College	13	6	2	52	20	14
32 32 11 17	RAAF East Sale	14	5	1	8	37	44
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35 37 30 13	Harwood Cedars	14	2	1	10	53	4
8 27 22 13	Longbeach	14	2	1	10	53	4
10 27 21	DIVISION 3						
8 16 35 7	Monash	13	11	1	1	57	23
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 Paton, Mirko Rujvic, Joe



Action from the J.U.S.T. v Heidelberg match at Western Oval, from left: Vlatko Belic, Jim Campbell, Jamie Paton, Mirko Rujovic, Joe Picioane.



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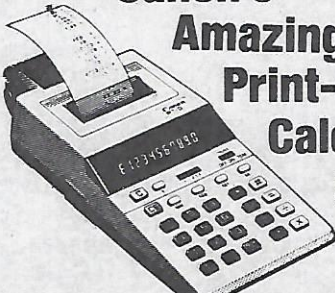
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It shows Newcastle striker David Jones (right) fighting for the ball against experienced Blacktown defender and former Socceroo George Harris. Jones was sent off five minutes later but Newcastle won 1-0.

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STANDING: Phil O'Connor (from St. George 1979), Peter Wilson (from Western Suburbs Sydney, 1978), Col McAusland (from Melita Eagles 1979), Barry Hoare (from Granville, 1979), Greg Woodhouse (from Western Suburbs, 1978), Mark Pullen (from Juniors), Bobby McGinn (from Ringwood City Wilhelmina, 1973).
FRONT: Rod Skellern (from Western Suburbs, 1978), John McKie (from Scotland, 1980), Bill Pirie (from Dundee, 1980), John Coyne (from Brisbane City, 1980), Robbie Drews (from Western Suburbs, 1978), Terry Butler (from Juniors), Tony Morosello (from Monaro, 1980).
INSETS, left to right: Dave Harding (from Blacktown, 1980), Jim Dempsey (from Scotland, 1978), Mark Samuels (from Western Suburbs, 1978).

Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

P.O. BOX 534, NORWOOD S.A. 5067

SECRETARY: G. Ursini (08) 31 0778

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington
(08) 332 5614 - 332 5618

COLOURS: Black & White.

SPONSORS: United Brokers

DUE TO INTERNATIONAL GAME

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LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 2040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: W. Wallace

GROUND: Lambert Park
Phone 569 6845 (Match days)

Promotion

Officer: T. Raciti. Phone 82 0187

Colours: Maroon, Sky Blue

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BLACKTOWN CITY S.C.

62 Seven Hills Road North, Seven Hills 2147. Phone 624 3344

SECRETARY: P. R. Thorne (Ph) as above.

COACH: M. Jones

GROUND: Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills

COLOURS: white, red black trim,
black, red white trim
black red white

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NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v ST GEORGE at International Sports
Centre, Newcastle, Saturday 2.30 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club phone: 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

COACH: George Potter

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

SPONSOR: STOCK 84 BRANDY

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MARCONI-FAIRFIELD

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: M. Urukalo - (02) 604 5095 or 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd.,
Bossley Park.

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BRISBANE LIONS

P.O. BOX 310, DARRA QLD 4076

SECRETARY: L. Oudendyk

COACH: M. Carson

GROUND: Lions Stadium, Pine Rd, Richlands,
07 (phone) 372 2989

Colours Orange and Blue

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SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

HONORARY SECRETARY Nick Sagiakos

(Home) 528 6196

(Restaurant) 534 4141

COACH: John Margaritis

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

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CANBERRA CITY

P.O. BOX 910, Canberra City ACT 2601.

PRESIDENT: Theo Moulis (W) 48 8448 (062) 488 215

COACH: J. Brown

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

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ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Bianco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

Colours: Red, White & Green

This week's match: v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at Inter-
national Sports Centre, Newcastle, Saturday 2.30 pm.



HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY-MANAGER:

O. Norris ph. (day) 792 9348, (after 5 pm) 459 4652.

COACHES: Len McKendry

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb.
(03) 42 0642. COLOURS: Black & Gold

DUE TO INTERNATIONAL GAME

THIS WEEK'S MATCH HAS BEEN POSTPONED



SYDNEY CITY "THE SLICKERS"

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W. 2026

SECRETARY: D. Childs (02) 30 3344 A.H. 525 7734

COACH: E. Thomson

GROUND: Sydney Athletic Field

SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods

Colours: Sky Blue White Hoops, White Shorts,
Red Socks

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FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: R. Ilie

GROUND: Western Oval, Barkly St, Footscray

COLOURS: Blue White Red.

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WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 51 6686.

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.

COLOURS: Blue white stripes - Blue Shorts

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